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MONDAY, MAY 26, 1913.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

OPERA PERFORMANCE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 24.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent says all Their Majesties were present at a gala performance of the opera "Lohengrin," this opera being the choice of Princess Victoria Louise, the bride, who, with the bridegroom, occupied the place of honour in the Royal Box.

Huge crowds wait outside the Castle, the Crown Prince's Palace, the British and Russian Embassies, and wherever there is a chance of seeing King George and Queen Mary and the Czar. The hawkers do a thriving trade in little German flags bearing portraits of the bride and bridegroom, and some are trying their luck with Union Jacks.

King George and Peace.

King George, in the morning, examined the wedding gifts at the Castle, afterward receiving at the British Embassy a deputation from the British Colony, who read a loyal address to His Majesty. The King, in reply, said: "By fostering and maintaining kindly relations and a good understanding between yourselves and the people of your adopted home, you are helping to ensure the peace of the world, the preservation of which is my fervent desire, as it was the chief aim of my dear father."

Troops Inspected.

King George on Friday morning inspected his Regiment, the 1st Dragon Guards, at Tempelhof. Sham fighting was arranged, and was followed by the usual evolutions. His Majesty expressed to the Commander his lively satisfaction with the soldiers' fine appearance, and smart manoeuvring.

Gifts and Honours.

The Czar presented Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg with a silver casket, set with precious stones, and King George conferred on the Chancellor the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.

King George bestowed the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order on the Foreign Minister, Herr von Jagow, and the German Ambassador to London.

The Czar also conferred the Alexander Nevsky Order on Herr von Jagow.

The Wedding.

The marriage was celebrated Saturday afternoon, in fine weather. The procession was a most brilliant one, being headed by the bridal pair, followed by the Emperor and the Duchess of Cumberland, the Empress and the Duke of Cumberland, the Czar and Queen Mary, King George and the Crown Princess of Germany, and other Royalities. The procession proceeded through the Castle to the Chapel, which was filled by a distinguished company, including diplomats. The Court Chaplain performed the ceremony, which was followed by a congratulatory reception and a State banquet.

The wedding created great public interest, and the vicinity of the Palace was packed all day with an enthusiastic crowd. Waves of cheering marked the passage of the automobiles bringing the Royalties to and from the wedding. The weather was cool, but overcast.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

THE KAISER'S TOAST.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 25.

A later message states that in toasting the bridal pair, the Kaiser congratulated his daughter on following the dictates of her heart by giving her hand to a man of a noble German princely house. "So long as the German tongue is spoken," added the Kaiser, "it will tell of the Guelphs and the Hohenzollerns and the part they have played in the development of the Fatherland."

The bridal pair subsequently motored to the railway station en route for Hubertusburg, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were cheered by enormous crowds.

The Czar Departs.
The Czar has left for Russia.

STRUCK A MINE.

STEAMER'S MISHAP.

London, May 25.
A telegram from Constantinople says that the steamer Nevada, flying the American flag, but owned by a Turkish firm, struck a mine in the Gulf of Smyrna. Eighty of the 200 passengers were saved by a French warship.

A Terrible Catastrophe.
Later.

Lloyd's Agent at Smyrna wires that 40 were drowned by the sinking of the Nevada.

According to Reuter's correspondent, the Nevada sank in a minute. The passengers were mostly Turkish refugees.

A boat from a French steamer was the first on the spot but was swamped in the commotion caused by the explosion of the Nevada's boilers.

As the accident happened outside the mine field, it appears that there are some mines adrift. All navigation in the vicinity has accordingly been suspended.

EMPIRE DAY.

WIDESPREAD CELEBRATIONS

London, May 25.

Empire Day was observed on a growing scale. Everywhere there was a grand display of Union Jacks. Bells were rung merrily, and guns in garrison towns fired salutes. The National Anthem was sung in the schools and the children paraded in the parks to salute the flag, listen to discourses on the Empire, and to witness fireworks displays and illuminations.

Messages from the Colonies tell of lavish expenditure on the celebration as a public holiday, of impressive ceremonies and festivities.

Mawson Expedition's Greetings.
Members of the Mawson Antarctic Expedition sent a wireless message to the Secretary of State for the Colonies as follows:—"King George and Queen Mary wish to convey Empire Day greetings."

The Australian Premier, Mr. Fisher, sent the following telegram to the "Times":—"The imposition of more binding ties on several parts of the Empire would be a poor substitute for the strong, yet flexible and unselfish ties of love and duty, which call us into the breach in the time of danger. If the annual Imperial Conference were held not always in London we would hear less of Empire dangers."

TELEGRAMS.

PIER ACCIDENT IN U.S.A.

30 BRITISHERS KILLED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 25.

Reuter's correspondent at New York wires that a crowd of Britishers were celebrating Empire Day at the Pier Pavilion, Long Beach, California, when the platform, which was crowded with prominent people, collapsed.

Fortunately the tide was out at the time, but 30 people, mostly women, were killed and 50 seriously injured.

It appears that, under the weight of the throng in the two storeyed pavilion, the shore end of the pier collapsed, precipitating hundreds of holiday-makers on to the sands 25 feet below. Hundreds of people in the galleries were precipitated on to the heads of those below.

All were Britishers or of British extraction.

THE FRENCH TROUBLES.

A PLOT PREVENTED.

London, May 25.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says it has been ascertained that the instigators of the outbreak at Rodez included an ex-convict and several members of the Confederation of Labour. Their plan was to join with other regiments in breaking into the magazine, but this was foiled by the arrival of the Colonel and the officers. When the men, in response to the bugle call, trooped into the barracks square in full marching order a major snatched a rifle from a soldier and shouted, "The first to advance is a dead man." The effect was electrical in checking the demonstrators.

Civil War!

The action of the Government in prohibiting the annual celebration of the Commune at Peral-Chaise led to noisy scenes in the Chamber of Deputies, the Socialists declaring that the introduction of the three years' service meant civil war and accusing M. Bathou (Minister of War) of inaugurating a regime of reaction. The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 381 votes to 186.

A Loyal Regiment.

A telegram from Nancy states that the 164th Regiment, returning from a field day, sang the "Marseillaise" and cheered for the Three Years' Service scheme.

BOXING TRAGEDY.

DIES IN THE RING.

London, May 25.

A New York message states that at a boxing contest at Calgary, Alberta, Arthur Pelkey, of Calgary, knocked out Luther McCarthy, "the American white hope," in the first round. McCarthy fell and died in a few minutes.

HOME CRICKET.

London, May 25.

Northants beat Lancashire by four wickets.
Notts defeated Essex by 35 runs.
Yorkshire beat Worcestershire by six wickets.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

GREEKS AND BULGARIANS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 25.

A message from Athens states that King Constantine has gone to Salonika in order to arrange an extensive neutral zone with a view to preventing fresh conflicts between Greek and Bulgarian troops in future.

A message from Salonika states that the fighting at Valsista ceased on the 22nd inst., but on afternoon of the 23rd two companies of Bulgarians attacked a company of Greeks at Semalton, but were repulsed. Since then tranquility has prevailed.

The Greeks have lost 250 killed and wounded in the recent fights. Prospects of Peace.

A more hopeful feeling existed among the Balkan Delegates in London on Friday owing to the indications that the Turkish modifications of the Peace Treaty will not be so far reaching as was expected.

A Peace Delegate interviewed by Reuter expressed the hope that peace would be signed early next week.

MALTA.

AUTONOMY WANTED.

London, May 25.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Churchill have concluded a tour in the Mediterranean by an inspection of the defenses of Malta and fleet exercises, and by discussing a naval and military alliance.

A deputation of Maltese presented to Mr. Asquith a Memorandum urging the grant of autonomy to Malta.

Mr. Asquith made a speech in which he dwelt upon the peculiar position of Malta, owing to its strategic value to the Empire, and promised to give his careful consideration to the Memorandum.

MONGOLIA.

DEMAND FOR AUTONOMY.

London, May 25.

A telegram from Mukden received at St. Petersburg says that the Princes of Inner Mongolia, while proclaiming their loyalty to the Republic, have protested against the intention of the Chinese Government to transform Mongolia into a Province, and demanded autonomy and the right to raise their own troops.

CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.

NEW YORK OFFICIAL'S CRIME

London, May 25.

Mr. Stilwell, Chairman of the Codes Committee of New York State Senate, has been convicted of bribery in connection with Exchange reform legislation.

THE MIKADO.

IMPROVEMENT RECORDED.

London, May 25.

Reuter's Tokyo correspondent reports a general improvement in the condition of the Emperor.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo wires that the condition of the Emperor is increasingly satisfactory.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

A COMING DEBATE.

London, May 25.

Colonel Seely and Lord Roberts are agreed to debate the question of National Service at the Eighty Club on the 26th June.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIAN REVERSE.

A QUESTION OF TACTICS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 25.

The Under Secretary of War, replying to a question in the Italian Chamber with regard to the recent reverse of the Italian troops near Tighi, admitted the loss of four guns, but said they were rendered useless before they were abandoned. He pointed out that in modern tactics it was considered preferable, despite ancient prejudice, to abandon a few guns rather than sacrifice human life. It was inadvisable to say at present whether individual responsibility was apart from the unforeseen regrettable incidents always occurring in a war.

BANKNOTE IMPRESSION CASE.

Remarkable Evidence of the Government Analyst.

The case in which Anton Hauer, an Austrian, is charged with being in possession of banknote impressions, again came before Mr. C. D. Maitland, at the Police Court, this afternoon.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, prosecuted on behalf of the police, Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Lyster, Deacon and Harston, looked on behalf of the Chartered Bank of India, whilst Mr. R. O. Faithfull, defended. Mr. Faithfull, Government Analyst, said that on April 25 Inspector Watt brought him certain chemicals.

Mr. Faithfull said there was nothing in the evidence, as far as he knew, to show that the chemicals were in defendant's possession.

Mr. Lewis said he thought Mr. Faithfull was wrong. Witness, continuing, said he examined the chemicals (produced) which were found in the defendant's room. The exhibit, No. 2, was clove oil which could be used either for toothache or loosening ink. No. 9, was sodium bi-carbonate which could be used medicinally, and for loosening the fibre of paper. No. 10 was turpentine which could be used for cold or cleaning. One could remove grease or oil from a banknote with it. No. 11 was carbolic acid which could be used for toothache. It was no use for dealing with ink, as far as he knew. No. 12 was eucalyptus oil which could be used for cold. That was no use for removing ink. No. 13 was linseed oil which could be used for cleaning varnish or oil from anything. It might be used for cleaning off the grease which accumulated on a banknote by handling. No. 14 was croscote which could be used for toothache. No. 15 was a solution of iodine which could be used for testing ink. The bank note impression exhibits were also handed to him. They all smelt of oil of cloves. Mr. Weigal explained to him how the impressions were made. Witness attempted to make impressions in the manner explained by Mr. Weigal, at the request of the police. Witness soaked a note in clove oil and then placed it in a plain piece of paper. He then took a piece of rubber tubing and rolled the piece of paper containing the note round the tubing, and rolled it along the tube with a bottle. After rolling it (rolling a bottle fashion) for a quarter of an hour, he got the impression, produced. On the invitation of the police he took a razor impression of the note on a piece of banknote paper, soaking the latter in oil of cloves.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

TELEGRAMS.

ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE

PROPOSED STATUES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 25.

A message from New York states that the Committee in charge of the celebration of the Peace Centenary will arrange for the erection of a statue of Queen Victoria at Washington and the presentation to the British people of a statue of Abraham Lincoln.

THE GERMAN ARMY.

GOVERNMENT DEMANDS CURTAILED.

London, May 25.

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag has passed the supplementary Army Estimates, but, instead of 1,538 lieutenants and 8,607 non-commissioned officers, as asked for by the Government, has agreed only to 530 lieutenants and 7,563 non-commissioned officers.

PORTUGUESE UNREST.

ROYALISTS FOUND GUILTY.

London, May 25.

A message from Lisbon reports that a court-martial has found guilty of conspiracy six in Royalists, including Major Montez and Captain Pimentel, and acquitted twenty-five.

GASWORKS EXPLOSION.

London, May 25.

An explosion occurred at the gasworks attached to the hydraulic works in the Harbour of Buenos Ayres. Twelve persons were killed and twenty injured.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Czar has left Berlin for Russia.

Further details are given of the military troubles in France.

Sixteen Portuguese Royalists have been found guilty of conspiracy.

A general improvement in the condition of the Mikado is reported.

It is hoped that peace in the Balkan War will be signed early this week.

In recent fights with the Bulgarians, the Greeks have lost 250 killed and wounded.

Telegrams give interesting accounts of the movements of visiting Royalty in Berlin.

Colonel Seely and Lord Roberts are to debate the National Service at the Eighty Club on June 26th.

After being knocked out in the first round of a fight with Arthur Pelkey, Luther McCarthy succumbed.

Mr. Stilwell, Chairman of the Codes Committee of the New York State Senate, has been convicted of bribery.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Turkish-owned Nevada, flying the American flag, struck a mine in the Gulf of Smyrna, and 40 passengers were drowned.

The wedding of the Kaiser's daughter and Prince Ernest Augustus of Cumberland on Saturday was a most brilliant affair.

Empire Day was widely celebrated throughout the Empire and greetings were received from the Mawson Antarctic Expedition.

An explosion in the gasworks attached to the hydraulic works in Buenos Ayres Harbour resulted in 12 men being killed and 20 injured.

While a crowd of Britishers were celebrating Empire Day on a pier at Long Beach, California, a platform collapsed and 30 Britishers were killed.

Though passing the supplementary Army estimates, the Budget Committee of the Reichstag has reduced the numbers of officers asked for.

The Princes of Inner Mongolia have protested against the Chinese intention of transforming Mongolia into a Province and have demanded autonomy.

The Peace Centenary Committee has arranged to erect a statue of Queen Victoria in Washington and to present the British people with a statue of Lincoln.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Churchill have inspected the defenses of Malta, and a Maltese deputation urged on Mr. Asquith the granting of autonomy to the island.

LOCAL.

The annual report of Messrs A. S. Watson and Company, Limited is published in this issue.

Major General Anderson is to be succeeded in the South China Command by Major General Kelly, C.B.

The Assaye, aboard which a fire broke out on 16th inst., arrived here yesterday and left early this morning.

The maximum penalty was imposed on eight Chinese charged with gambling before Mr. Hazell this morning.

An interesting appeal case, involving the question of whether a rick is one basket or two was opened this morning before the Full Court.

Yesterday being the Sunday within the octave of Corpus Christi, the annual procession took place round the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Water Polo Shield Competition Meeting at 6 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8.
Annual Meeting Peak Club.
Dallas Comedy Co. Victoria Theatre.

Saturday, May 31.
Second Gymkhana.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. Annual General Meeting, 12.15 p.m.
Monday, June 2.
Cherniavsky Trio, City Hall, 9.15.

Wednesday June 11.
Canton Insurance Office Ltd. extraordinary general meeting, noon.

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CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

The Cult of the Bomb.
Chinese officials are cognisant
of the dangers to which communi-
ties are exposed through the un-
desirable. Only a few days ago a
Shanghai newspaper strongly ad-
vocated a crusade against the in-
fluence of society. Peking has
already moved in this direction,
for there "those who are runaway
criminals are forbidden residence,
as are those who are habitually
dishonest, or have no occupation."
The political refugee might be
allowed to enjoy the protection of
a friendly Power, but he must not
so abuse the privilege as to preach
sedition and incite men to an-
archical outrages. Of late years
the cult of the bomb has devel-
oped largely, and our only
hope in the East is that strong
repressive measures will be taken
by all authorities to crush out
these secret societies. A reform
of this kind will take years to
effect and will tax many a strong
arm, but the age we live in de-
mands that the desperado should
know that the law protects com-
munities from fanatics.

Daily Press.

Chinese Legal Reform.

It is, accordingly, perfectly
plain that no reform of the Chinese
legal system that does not extend
to the commercial law can be
satisfactory, nor should such re-
form present insuperable diffi-
culty. The different trade guilds
throughout the Republic should
be required to submit copies of
their rules to the Ministry of
Justice, where they would be ex-
amined by a commission of experts,
who would, after expurgating
any rules that were plainly un-
reasonable or inconsistent, pub-
lish the whole compilation as the
commercial law of China. This
would probably be added to from
time to time by duly recorded
judicial decisions embodying
further established customs, or by
statutory enactments, but, apart
from this the essential of a fixed
and easily accessible standard
would have been fulfilled.
Drawn up, as the guild rules are,
with a view to the general interest
of the trade, it is not likely that
there would be much in them that
would be objectionable even from
the foreign merchant's standpoint,
while it would be of infinite ser-
vice to him to know authoritatively
in advance what were the re-
quirements of Chinese law in
respect of any contract or agree-
ment into which he was entering.

China Mail.

The German Royal Wedding.
To-day's illustrious bride is, as
stated, the only daughter and
seventh child of the Emperor and
Empress of Germany. She was
born on September 13, 1892, and
is thus twenty-one years old. The
bridegroom is the eldest son of
the Duke and Duchess of Cum-
berland, several years his bride's
senior, and stated to be one of the
most popular Princes of the Ger-
man Empire. We feel sure that
Britons in this part of the world
will readily join with their Teu-
tonic kinsmen in expressing plea-
sure at the illustrious event that
is to-day taking place in Berlin,
and which all will hope may not
only be the means of bringing a
long and beneficent happiness to
the bride and bridegroom but also
better understanding and more
amicable feelings between the
great German nation and those
other nations of Europe with
whom unfortunately there has
been a regrettable lack of har-
mony, the result, doubtless, of a
lack of sympathetic feeling, the
outcome of imperfect knowledge
of each others aims in accom-
plishing their respective destinies.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Sino-Japanese Association.

Reuter's Tokyo correspondent telegraphs that the inaugural meeting of the Sino-Japanese Association took place on the 18th inst. A numerous and influential gathering attended, including Wang Tah-sieh, Chinese Minister at Tokyo, and many Chinese residents in Tokyo and Yokohama. Mr. Hayashi Kiroku pointed out that China and Japan were standing in similar positions politically: Japan was fighting against colonialism and bureaucracy, while China was fighting against despotism, and both were suffering from the prejudices of westerners. A resolution was passed that the Association would work for the co-operation of the two peoples in the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China and for the restoration and preservation of peace and order.

Fire at Wuchang.

Wuchang, May 17.—A destructive fire occurred here to-day, involving some hundred houses. Two children were burnt to death in a house outside the South Gate. A new feature in connection with fires here was the assistance rendered on this occasion by sailors from Chinese gunboats. Since the revolution only twenty per cent of the taxes have been collected. People are ordered to pay in full before the end of this month; otherwise severe penalties will be inflicted.

The Issue of Japanese Treasury Bills.

Whether the Treasury bills to the amount of ¥10,000,000 issued on February 5th at an interest of 1 sen 7 rin per diem, under the general account falling due on the 9th instant, shall be redeemed and re-issued is not decided as yet, owing to the absence of the Finance Minister from the capital. It is believed, says the "Japan Chronicle," they will be redeemed and re-issued at 1 sen 6 rin per diem interest, the date of redemption being July 9th.

Salt Lake City Earthquake.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 12.—An earthquake lasting several seconds was experienced here at 1.30 o'clock this morning. Telephone operators on the fifth floor of the Telephone building reported that their transmitters were rocked by the force of the shock. Train dispatchers of the Oregon Short Line Railroad reported the shock was felt throughout south eastern Idaho.

Russia in Mongolia.

It is reported from Kowloon, says the Mukden correspondent of the "Asahi," that the Russian authorities there are doing their best to placate the natives. They have given notice that any Mongolian Princes who become naturalised in Russia, will be decorated with Russian orders and receive a pension. If such Mongolians should become Christians, they may become Russian officials. Such Mongolians will also be permitted to borrow money from the Russian Government, free of interest.

Yarn From Pulp.

It is reported from Gothenburg that a process has been invented for making yarns out of Swedish pulp, which are supposed to be considerably stronger than any other hitherto made from paper pulp. The new material is said to be particularly suitable for ropes, mats, and other coarse fabrics, especially those which have to withstand dampness and water, while at the same time the material is said to be fire-resisting. Arrangements are being made for the formation of a joint-stock company in Sweden to exploit the new invention.

Japanese Army Contract Scandal.
It will be remembered says the "Japan Chronicle," that some time ago, Mr. Inahata Soshichi, Director of the Inahata Dyeing Factory (younger brother of Mr. Inahata Katsutaru, proprietor of the factory), who is very well known to foreigners with whom he has business relations, and Mr. Mori Shigekichi, acting chief expert of the factory, were arrested on charges of having defrauded the military authorities at Osaka concerning an army contract. The preliminary examination of the accused was brought to an end on the 13th instant, and both men were committed for public trial.

SERVICE MATTERS.

General Anson.

Major-General Sir Archibald Anson, K.C.M.G., uncle of the Right Hon. Sir William Anson, Bt., was 87 on April 18. He entered the Royal Artillery in 1844, serving eleven years later in the Crimea, when he was at the siege of Sebastopol. From 1858 to 1867 he was inspector of police in Mauritius, and in 1862 he was employed on a mission to Madagascar to represent Queen Victoria at the Coronation of King Radama II., when he was decorated with the Order of Radama. From Mauritius he went to Penang as Lieutenant-Governor, remaining there until 1882, and during that period had charge of the operations in the Malay Peninsula in 1875-76. Sir Archibald retired from the Army in 1878. He was given the C.M.G. in 1876, and the K.C.M.G. in 1882 in leaving Penang. The gallant General, says the "Daily Telegraph," comes of a military family, his father having been a distinguished soldier in the Peninsula War, receiving a baronetcy for his services there.

British Troops in India.

The British troops in India in the coming year are to be maintained at a strength of 75,897 of all ranks and arms. This force will be made up as follows:—Nine regiments of cavalry, 5,616; eleven batteries of Royal Horse Artillery, 45 of Royal Field Artillery and 35 companies of Royal Garrison Artillery, 15,785; officers of the Royal Engineers, 377; 52 battalions of infantry, 53,042; 321 officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the balance distributed amongst officers of the Army Pay Department, Army Ordnance Department and Army Veterinary Corps, the rank and file of which are not represented in India.

Resigned.

Second Lieutenant R. G. Bayliss has resigned his commission in the Somerset Light Infantry after the short service of two and a half years.

Army Officer Killed.

Lieutenant L. C. Rogers-Harrison, 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regiment, was killed in an aeroplane accident at Farnborough on April 28. Lieutenant Rogers-Harrison, who was under the instruction of Mr. S. F. Cody for several months at the end of last year, was piloting the biplane with which Mr. Cody won the Army Council prize last autumn when the accident occurred. His fall was witnessed by several persons, among them being Mr. Cody, who states that he saw the machine "burst in the air" when at a height of 400ft. and that it pitched downwards, turning over as it fell. He expresses the opinion that Lieutenant Rogers-Harrison, who was a skilled pilot, was "diving" with his engine running at full speed, and that when he attempted to check the descent by means of his elevating planes they tore away. The biplane fell into a field some few hundred yards north of the aircraft factory, but although assistance arrived immediately nothing could be done for the young officer, who was dead.

A New Major General.

The promotion of Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) T. L. Morland to be major-general in place of the late Major-General Park was what was expected, though after the erratic performance of the Selection Board in pitchforking General Scott-Moncrieff into the generals' list over the heads of many colonels much more distinguished, no one can now feel safe of promotion till his name appears in the London Gazette. General Morland was not in the Boer War, but he served for more than eleven years on the West Coast of Africa, succeeding Brigadier-General Kemball as Inspector-General of the West African Frontier Force in 1905. After holding the post for four years he came home, and in June, 1910, was appointed to command the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the Expeditionary Force. He is only forty-seven years of age, and if opportunity comes in the way is young enough to rise to the highest rank in the service. "Truth"

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

Against Early Retirements

Washington, May 17.—Joseph Daniels, secretary of war, has declared against early retirements when the officers who propose to retire are in good health.

Acquitted.

Washington, May 18.—Frederick Hobbs and William Hunt, two civilians, employed by a firm of contractors doing business with the navy department at the Norfolk navy yard, have been acquitted on the charge of attempted bribery of commissary stewards who were responsible for the purchase of stores.

Retired.

Washington, May 17.—General Frederick A. Smith has retired after forty-four years service in the Army.

Washington, May 18.—Colonel and Quartermaster Frank L. Denney of the marine corps has voluntarily retired from the service, and is succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Lewis McCawley, head quarters marine corp.

Mine Explosion.

San Francisco, May 19.—A terrible mine explosion took place yesterday in the Belpre Valley Ohio. Up to the present it is known that sixteen lives have been lost. Relief parties are searching the mine to render what assistance they can to the entombed miners. How many were at work in the mine at the time of the disaster is not stated.

K.O.Y.L.I. Officers.

Lieutenant A. B. Smyth, 2nd Battalion King's Own Light Infantry, has been detained for a tour of duty with the 3rd Reserve Battalion at Pontefract in relief of Lieutenant G. H. O. Palmer, appointed to the West African Frontier Force. Lieutenant Geoffrey H. C. Palmer, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, seconded for service under the Colonial Office, joined his regiment in August, 1906, was promoted lieutenant in January, 1909, and was latterly serving at the depot at Pontefract.

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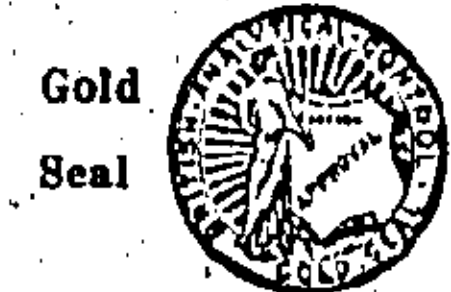
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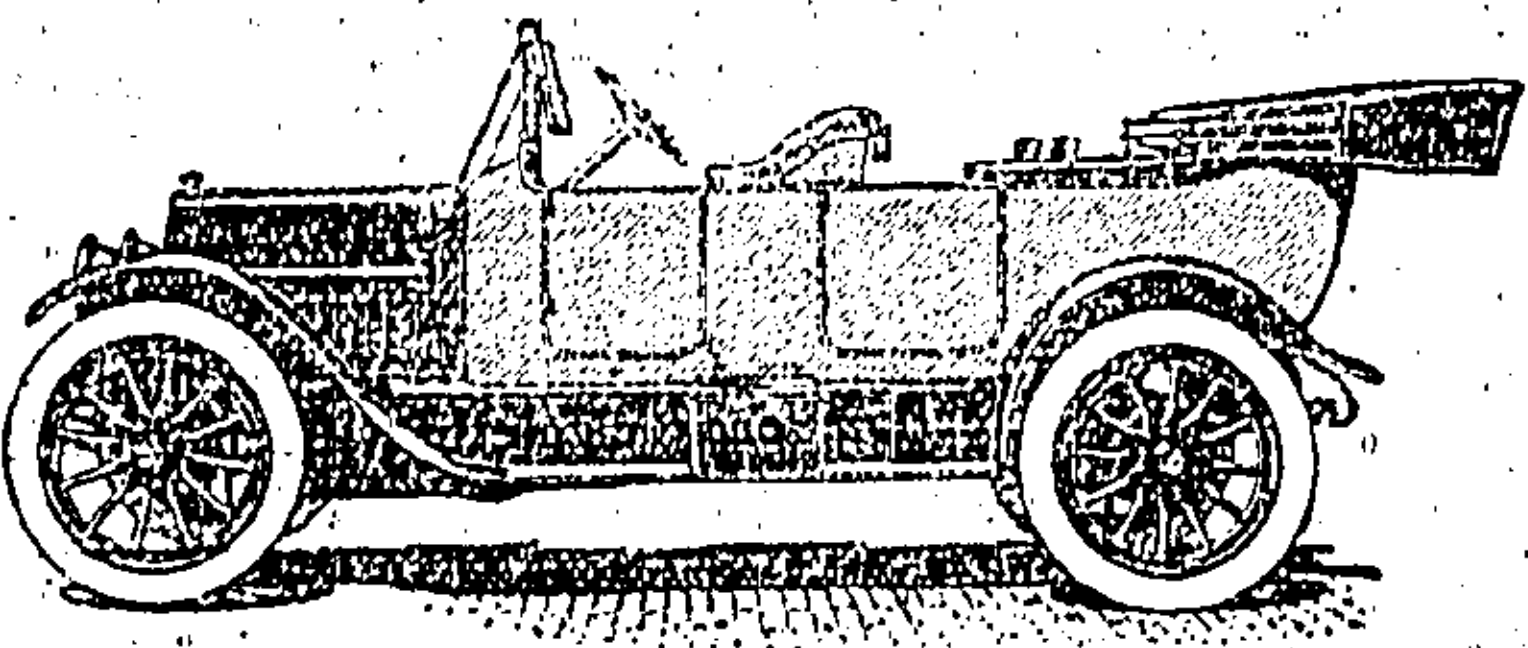
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Dr. Hirai.

Finding on Actress' Death.

Dr. S. Hirai, Vice-President of the Imperial Japanese Railway Administration, has been appointed Adviser to the Ministry of Communications. The position relinquished by Dr. Hirai is the highest to which any railway expert in Japan can aspire, his immediate superior being a member of the Cabinet.

Southampton, April 15.—The death of Frances Lealle, the American actress, who died on board the White Star steamship Oceanic, between Cherbourg and Southampton on March 15, was due to "natural causes during an epileptic fit," according to the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest which concluded here today.

HOME NEWS.

The Latest Mails in Summary.

The Home papers to hand by the latest mails give considerable prominence to China's "Day of Prayer." Speaking in Convocation some days before the actual day of intercession, the Archbishop of Canterbury made reference to the matter. He said those who best realized either the past or the present of China would be the first to take in the enormous significance of this unparalleled action. Our answer to the request, given in no uncertain voice, was that we would respond to it. It seemed to him opportune that they should record in Convocation their sense of the gravity and the hopefulness of this great departure in the relation of the Empire to the message of the Lord Jesus Christ for the guidance and the governance of the souls of men.

The Archbishop of York, speaking on the matter in Convocation on the following day, declared that it was difficult to exaggerate the significance of the request. He expressed the hope that in all their churches in the Northern Province on the following Sunday the clergy would bid their people to pray for God's guidance to the rulers and people of China at this crisis.

The request of the Chinese Government met with a widespread response. Both the Established and the Free Churches received the suggestion with great cordiality, and in Cathedrals, churches, and chapels throughout the land special prayers for the future welfare of China were offered up.

The subject was also referred to in many sermons, but some of the preachers frankly said they did not know what thought there might be behind the request. There was a very great demand for the forms of prayer issued by the S.P.G. and the C.M.S., and at the request of the Sunday School Union over 10,000 affiliated Sunday schools, containing 2,244,608 teachers and scholars, also observed the day as one of intercession for China.

Anglo-American Peace.

Through Reuter's agency we have already been supplied with details of the gatherings in America in connection with the celebration of 100 years of peace among the English speaking peoples. On April 26th, Earl Stanhope, Lord Weardale, Sir George Reid, the Hon. Neil Primrose, M.P., the Hon. C. T. Mills, M.P., Sir Arthur Lawley, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Allen Baker, M.P., Mr. Shirley Bonn, M.P., Mr. Moreton Frewen, and Mr. Henry Vivian, the British Committee representing the United Kingdom, left Euston for Liverpool, where they joined the Caronia for New York. They had an enthusiastic send-off.

Capt Scott's Journals.

We read that Lady Scott has addressed the following communication to the Press:—

"Dear Sir,—Would you be kind enough to convey to the public my very grateful thanks for the remarkable sympathy and generosity shown to me.

"I would like it to be known that my husband's journals will be published in full as soon as is practicable, and that every word goes to enhance the glory of the Antarctic Expedition and the work of every officer and man concerned in it.

"May I also take this opportunity of tendering my very real thanks to the Press for their consideration on my return to England that they have refrained from asking for information or interviews with a courtesy that has not lacked appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

"Kathleen Scott."

A National Theatre.

Considerable interest was displayed over a motion in the House of Commons by Mr. Mackinder in favour of the establishment in London of a national theatre, to be vested in trustees and assisted by the State, for the performance of plays of Shakespeare, and other dramas of recognized merit. After reminding the House that he was speaking on the traditional anniversary of the birth and death of Shakespeare, he stated that those who were engaged in the movement for the erection of a national theatre had a most

excellent site in view, but he did not disclose where it was. He referred to the enormous influence which dramatic entertainments exercised on the life of the people, and placed before the House the main purposes of the supporters of the project for which aid was asked. They desired, he said, to keep the plays of Shakespeare in the repertory of the theatre, to revive whatever was vital in any classical drama, to prevent recent plays of great merit from falling into oblivion, to develop the modern drama, and to stimulate the art of acting.

On behalf of the Government, Mr. Ellis Giffith said his view was that the Government's duty was not to initiate but crown a project of this kind, and the time for that had not come. When the project was mature, when the site had been obtained, the building erected, and a reasonable endowment secured, the time for crowning the movement would almost have been reached. If and when a contribution was made by the State it should take the form not of a capital grant but of an annual subsidy.

The motion failed, because less than 100 votes were given for it, the figures being 96 for and 92 against.

The Suffragists.

April 30th was the day when the raid was made by the police on the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union. Six arrests were made and the women were later charged that they had conspired together, and with Miss Annie Kenney, Mrs. Pankhurst, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and divers other members of the Women's Social and Political Union, to maliciously cause damage, injury, and spoil in and upon property belonging to tradesmen and others. In prosecuting, Mr. Bodkin referred to the activities of the Society, furthered by the newspaper "Suffragette," and said this journal must be put a stop to, as the dissemination of writings of the kind it contained was a danger to society. Large sums appeared to have been obtained from sympathisers with the criminal objects of the union. He desired to give public warning that, if any person made a speech in encouragement of this course of conduct, proceedings would be immediately taken against such persons; further, if any printer, after that warning, printed and published the literature of the union, he might find himself in a very awkward position as an aider and abettor of persons in carrying out those objects; and if any persons having money could not find a better use for it than to have it used for the commission of crime, they also would be in a very awkward position.

The defendants were remanded and bail refused.

Synchronized Clocks.

In view of the reference in Friday's "Telegraph" to the synchronizing of clocks in Hongkong, it is of interest to read that the Post Office is now in a position to receive applications from members of the public for signals for the purpose of synchronizing clocks.

The Greenwich time signal will be transmitted once daily over telegraph circuits for the regulation of master clocks fixed at suitable "distributing centres" at head or branch post offices, and these master clocks will transmit hourly impulses to the premises of persons requiring the service. The Post Office will provide and maintain the distributing wire up to a suitable point at the renter's premises, but it will rest with the renter at his own expense to fix and maintain to the satisfaction of the Post Office all other wiring within his premises, as well as the clock and the synchronizing mechanism.

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FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

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Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. B. E. Prichard	Yangtze
Britomart	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Yangtze
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Charub	Water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Flame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. O. F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. Boddam Whetham	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lt.-Com. Allen T. Hunt, C.S.I.	Hongkong
Keat	1st class cruiser	9,000	14	22,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brikenenden	Yangtze
Kinsha	River gunboat	618	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Hongkong
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. C. O. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	1st class cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartlett	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Moorhen	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powllett	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. R. Chambers	Canton
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Rosario	Depot ship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. S. Hutton	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo-boat destroyer	350	6	6,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	—	Com. R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cotrell	Dormer Yangtze
Uak	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Canton
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Hongkong
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,900	Com. R. Neville	Hongkong
Widggon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. O. Borrett	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
C. 36	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
C. 37	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
C. 38	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
T.B. 035	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Stileman	Hongkong
T.B. 037	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Wintaloe, K.O.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Kaiser Franz	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hauta	Shanghai
Joseph I	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hauta	Shanghai
Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Shanghai
Kleber	Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,800	Capt. Gourts	Hongkong
Decidee	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jervillier	Canton
Peiho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongkin
Dondard de Lagree	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutemps	Tongkin
Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloche	—	—	—	—	Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.	—
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Boluix	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Eronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville	Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistolet	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	8	300	—	Saigon
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
Flagship of Commodore Boucaut	—	—	—	—	Commanding the local defence Indo-China.	—
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Swatow
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	36	26,000	Captain Brunninghaus	Tsingtau
Ilia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luchs	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Monsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Firls	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	8,500	Capt. Lt. Berenberg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obt. z. S. Claassen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Booker	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. Frhr. Speth v. Schulzburg Canton	Shanghai
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2,145	—	—	Com. Sommi Picenardi	Shanghai
Adamastor	Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Jose de Carvalho Crato	Macao

UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McC. Murray	Cavite
A-4	"	—	—	—	Lieut. E. D. McWhorter	"
A-6	"	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	"
A-7	"	—	—	—	Ensign O. M. Yates	"
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cavite
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Ensign H. M. Jones	"
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. Hill	"
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson	Cavite
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. O. A. Woodruff	"
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. B. H. Green	"
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,938	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	Station-ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. R. V. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,990	8	3,000	Lieut. E. P. Svarz	Olongapo
Montezuma	Monitor	4,084	8	5,277	Com. J. V. Chase	"
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,600	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Queros	Gunboat	350	2	208	Lieut. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
Rainbow	Cruiser	4,380	14	1,800	Lt. Com. D. W. Wurtzbaugh	Swatow
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lieut. G. O. DiChannal	Shanghai
Saratoga	Cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Wieg	Shanghai
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	208	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	482	—	650	Chief Engineer P. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo
U.S.S. Saratoga	Flagship Rear-Admiral	R. E. Nicholson	—	—	Commander-in-Chief, United States Asiatic Fleet, temporarily	—

THE NETHERLAND INDIES.

Importation of Certain Articles from Hongkong Prohibited.

From Mr. A. B. Lowe, Acting Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, we have received the following copy of correspondence on the subject of the temporary prohibition of certain articles of importation to Netherlands India.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1913.
Sir.—The port of Hongkong having been declared infected with plague by the Netherlands-India Government, the following measures of the Netherlands-India Civil Medical Service have become applicable.

The importation of the following articles from Hongkong or transhipped at this temporarily prohibited.

(1) Wearing apparel, old and worn clothes, household effects for daily use, used bedding, unless these goods are transported as personal luggage or in consequence of removal.

(2) Rags.
Refuse of new goods coming direct from the weaving-mills, from workshops, where apparel is made or from bleaching establishments, artificial wool, and cuttings of newspaper, are not considered as rags.

All goods, of which the importation is not prohibited shall be disinfected on arrival, if in opinion of the Health Officer of the port they have been infected. Particulars about the medical inspection of the ship on arrival in Netherlands-India port, and about the formalities to be complied with by the masters of ships arriving in Netherlands-India within 21 days after their departure from a plague-infected port, etc. will be given on application at the Netherlands Consulate General at Hongkong, where an English version of the Netherlands-India Quarantine Ordinance is at the disposal of those concerned.

I beg however to draw the attention of the shipping to the fact that the quarantine in Netherlands-India against ships coming from Hongkong will be up to 21 days according to the state of health on board the ships, but subject to exemption on production of certificates legalised by the Netherlands Consul-General at Hongkong.

I take to liberty to suggest to your Chamber to bring the proceeding to the notice of the trade and navigation of the Colony. I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Sgd) DE REUS,
Consul General.

To the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.
The reply of the Chamber was as follows:—

The Consul General,
For Netherlands India,
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1913.

Sir.—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th inst., informing this Chamber that the Netherlands-India Government have declared Hongkong to be a plague-infected port.

My Committee desire me to thank you for the information contained therein with respect to the temporary prohibition of certain articles of importation.

I have the honour to be,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Sgd) A. B. LOWE,
Acting Secretary.

Club-Swinging Extraordinary.
Tom Burrows, the Australian athlete, completed 10½ hours continuous club-swinging at Aldershot at 5 o'clock on April 19.

Earlier in the morning he had developed considerable irritability, and his power of resisting drowsiness, became weaker and weaker until he could barely keep the club moving. To revive him, an attendant sprinkled some cold water on his face and this he seemed to resent and flew into a delirious rage. He attacked his attendants with his clubs and fists, but fortunately he was overpowered before he could do any injury to himself or others. He then seemed instantly to regain his normal senses, and within a minute he was sound asleep, and the doctor in attendance pronounced his heart and pulse quite normal.

THE LAUNCH OF THE AQUITANIA.

Description of the Vessel.

All roads from Glasgow on April 21 led to Clydebank, where the Cunard liner Aquitania, the largest ship yet built for the British Mercantile Marine and the most important vessel constructed to Lloyd's survey, lay ready for launching, says the "Times". The occasion was largely observed as a public holiday in the Glasgow district, and it is estimated that when the launching ceremony was performed by the Countess of Derby, 100,000 persons were present, either in the yard of John Brown and Co. (London), the builders, or on neighbouring land. Many hours before the time fixed for the launching, thousands of persons had taken their positions on ground from which a view of the launching could be obtained.

The weight, dimensions, and other features of the vessel represented unusual conditions, and both the construction and the launching involved special arrangements. A part of the river opposite the yard was widened in anticipation of the launching of the Lusitania, and to provide for the increase in size of the Aquitania over previous additions to the Cunard fleet the River Clyde has been further widened along the south bank; while, in order that, when completed, the new ship may reach the sea, the waterway between Clydebank and Greenock is being dredged. The launching weight of the Aquitania was 22,000 tons.

Happily the arrangements worked smoothly. Immediately before the time fixed for the ceremony the last of the supporting blocks was removed, and, when Lady Derby pressed the electric button and released the triggers, the huge hull, after a brief hesitation, glided, with gathering speed, into the river, the entry of the ship into the water being greeted by the sounding of many whistles and hooters and the loud cheers of the great multitude of spectators.

Precautions for Safety.
With a length of 902ft. and a beam of 97ft. the Cunard liner Aquitania is the largest vessel so far built in Great Britain. As compared with the "White Star" liner Olympic, which has hitherto held the first place, she has the advantage by about 20ft. in length and 4½ft. in beam, though there is reason to believe that new Hamburg-America liner Vaterland, launched a fortnight ago, slightly surpasses her in both length and width.

A double bottom has been provided for the most part 5ft. deep but increasing to 6ft. in the machinery compartment, and is divided into over 40 separate compartments, all of which are used for carrying water either as ballast or for maintaining the supply to the boilers. From this rise, on either side, the frames that carry the side-plating, which is almost as heavy as the armoured decks of cruisers and which, for the sake of strength, is secured in some places by eight rows of rivets hydraulically driven. As in the Lusitania and Mauretania, there are two shells or hulls extending for nearly 500ft. of the length of the ship, both being watertight, and the space between the two, which averages about 15ft. in width, is intersected by bulkheads which divide it up into relatively short cellular watertight compartments. Should, therefore, the outer shell be pierced by collision, the sea can enter only a small volume of the ship, and the inner shell remains to protect her vital parts against flooding.

In addition 16 bulkheads extend from side to side. Most of these are carried up at least 10ft. above the water-line, and in no case do they rise less than 10ft., while in the machinery space their height is 20ft. A further important safeguard is constituted by the fact that two of the decks are of watertight construction, all the openings in them being trunked up to the top of the space with watertight trunks. The bulkheads are also specially stiffened. The watertight doors will be worked by the Stope-Lloyd automatic closing gear, which gives the officer on the bridge complete control of the installation.

The arrangements for securing the safety of the ship by means

of watertight subdivision are thus comprehensive, but no advantage has been taken of this fact to reduce the number of lifeboats carried. Fifteen months ago, before the Titanic disaster occurred, the Cunard authorities had determined to provide boat accommodation for every passenger on board, and to this end there will be two motor-boats, 46 open boats, and 44 cellular boats with rigid sides, or a total of 92. Most of the boats are placed under davits, some of the cellular boats being arranged under the ordinary lifeboats, while others are in such a position that they can easily be moved on skids across the deck to the davits.

Propulsion and Speed.
The propelling machinery consists of four turbines driving four screw shafts, with an increased range of steam expansion between the different engines and consequently increased economy as compared with earlier installations. The normal sea speed is 23 knots, but there is such a reserve of power as to permit the ship, should she be delayed by bad weather on a portion of her voyage, to leave New York on Wednesday and yet arrive with certainty in England early on the following Tuesday morning. In order to give ample power for going backwards, astern turbines are fitted on all four shafts, the arrangements being such that one engineer on the starting platform has complete control of all of them. There are four boiler rooms equipped with large boilers, each having eight furnaces. The funnels rise to a height of 154ft. above the bottom of the ship, or 151ft. above the fire grates.

ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS.

How Many in China Seas?

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Aragon, which left Southampton in April for South America, was the first British liner to leave armed in accordance with Mr. Churchill's proposals. The necessary structural arrangements having been made by the company's workmen, two 4½in guns, supplied by the Admiralty, were mounted on the poop. It is proposed also to mount guns on the company's Amazon, the next liner of the "A" class to leave England. Each of these vessels is of about 10,000 tons gross, and each brings, as a rule, large quantities of chilled meat from Argentina. The company's officers and seamen include a large number of Naval Reserve men who would be capable in an emergency of firing the guns.

It is perfectly obvious that such armament could not possibly be intended for offensive purposes. As a defensive weapon it is sufficiently powerful to counteract the risk of an attack by some lightly armed foreign merchant ship. There is really no secret about the fact that a large number of foreign merchant ships have been built with a view to a very formidable armament. For instance, it was, we believe, a stipulation in old contracts granted to the North-German Lloyd for the carriage of Far Eastern mails that the vessels should be armed; the provision was required avowedly because the vessels might be called upon to act as troopships. Some of the North-German Lloyd liners in the Eastern services are known to carry platforms for four guns, while any one can discover on the decks of certain of the North Atlantic liners platforms decked over for as many as eight heavy guns—two on the fore-castle head, two in the fore-castle, two in the after-castle, and two on the poop. But these vessels are really merchant cruisers, and on the outbreak of war those in European waters might be expected immediately to fit out as warships in the naval dockyards.

To what extent other ship-owners will follow the example of the Royal Mail Company remains to be seen. It is known to have been the wish of the Union Government that the two new mail steamers just ordered by the Union-Castle Company from Harland and Wolff should be fitted for armament, but besides the Aragon the only vessels already provided with gun platforms are probably one or two liners, such as the Arendia, built by the P and O Company at the time of the

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, May 8, 1913.

BUTCHER MEAT.

	Oz.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Out, — Mai Lung Pa	1b. 18
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	18
" Roast, — Shiu	18
" Breast, — Nagu Lam	12
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	15
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	18
" do, — Sirloin Ootom — Ngau Lau	23
" Sausages, — Ngau Chaiung	20
Bullock's Brains, — Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	55
" Head, — Ngau Tan	80
" Heart, — Ngau Sam	12
" Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	15
" Feet, — Ngau Kaak	8
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yi	9
" Tail, — Ngau Mai	18
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	1b. 12
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	6
Calve Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	1b. 25
" Leg, — Yeung Poi	25
" Shoulder, — Yeung Shau	22
Pigs Chittlings, — Chu Ohong	27
" Brains, — Chu Know	per set 2
" Feet, — Chu Kark	1b. 12
" Fry, — Chu Chak	30
" Head, — Chu Tau	18
" Heart, — Chu Sam	each 10
" Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	8
" Liver, — Chu Con	1b. 24
Pork Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	23
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	27
" Leg, — Chu Pa	24
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	24
Sheep Head and Feet, — e. y. Tau Kark	set 65
" Heart, — Young Sum	each 9
" Kidneys, — Young Yiu	9
" Liver, — Young Con	1b. 25
Smoking Pigs, To Order — Chu Cha	22
Suet, Beef — Sang Ngau Yau	18
" Mutton, — Sang Yeung Yau	25
Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	18
" Sausages, — Ngau Chai Chaiung	26

POULTRY.

	Oz.
Chicken, — Kai Chai	1b. 84
Capon, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	33
Ducks, — Ap	24
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 24
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	1b. 36
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	32
Geese, — Ngai	24
Geese, Wild, — Shang-ho Yea Ngai	each 24
Musk Deer, — Wong Keng	70
Hare, Shanghai, — Tu Chai	70
Partridge, — Ohe Khoo	pair 70
Phaseant, — Shan Kai	each 32
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kup	18
" Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kup	23
Quail, — Um-Chun	dozen 22
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Cheul	each 22
Snipe, — Sa-Choy	1b. 60
Turkeys, Cock, — Phor Kai Kung	45
" Hen, — Na	45
Wild Ducks, — Shang-hoi Sui Ap	45
Teal, — Sui Ap Chai	45
Wild Ducks Canton, — Sang-Shing Sui Ap	45

FISH.

	Oz.
Barbel, — Ka Yu	1b. 15
Bream, — Bin Yu	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	20
Carp, — Li Yu	20
Catfish, — Chik Yu	11
Codfish, — Man Yu	12
Crabs, — Hai	14
Cuttle Fish, — Mak Yu	16
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	15
Dace, — Wong Mei Lun	8
Dog Fish, — Tit Tu Sa	15
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Mann	15
" Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	24
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	32
Frogs, — Tian Kai	32
Groupers, — Sok Pan	15
Gudgeon, — Pak Kup Yu	15
Herrings, — Tao Pak	16
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	24
Labrus, — Wong Pa Yu	17
Loach, — Wu Yu	32
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	32
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	16
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	28
Mullet, — Chai Yu	18
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	24
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	16
Perch, — Tau Loo	15
Pike, — Fa Paw Poong	9
Plaice, — Pau Yu	17
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Ohong	20
Pomfret, White, — Pak Ohong	23
Prawns, — Ming Ha	48
Ray, — Pui Pa Sa	8
Rock Fish, — Sak Ka Kung	15
Sole, — Chan Yu	24

肉食

Salmon, — Ma Yan Y	1b. 24
Shark, — Sa Yu	10
Skate, — Po Yu	28
Shrimps, — Ha	22
Snapper, — Lap Yu	20
Soles, — Tat Sa Yu	18
Tenb, — Wan Yu	18
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	68
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu	18
White Bait, — Ngau Yu Chai	18

FRUITS.

Almonds, — Hang Yau	1b. 28
Apples (California), — Kam San Ping Kho	25
" (Chafoo), — Tin Chun Ping Kho	25
" Small, — Hoi Tong	each 15
" Custard, — Fan Lai Chai	each 15
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heung Chiu	1b. 7
" (brides), — San Heung Chiu	3
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lat	14
Carambola, — Yeung Tue	10
Cocoanuts, — Yeh Tse	each 10
Lemons, China, — Ning Moong	1b. 8
" America, — Kam San Ning Moon	15
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chai, small Stone	25
" Fresh	15
Limes, (Saigon), — Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 12
Mango, Manila, — Lui Sung Moong	20
Mangoes, — San Chuk Lee	doz 30
Oranges, (Canton), — San-shing Tim Ching	1b. 8
" Sweet	15
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoot Lay	12
" (Canton), Cooking, — Sa Lay	12
Peanuts, — Fa Sang	12
Persimmons Large, — Hung Chie	2
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Poon Ti Paw Law	each 14
" 2nd, — Chung-tang Paw Law	1b. 3
Plantain, — Tai Chai	6
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	each 25
Pumelo, Siam, — Ohim Lo Yau	10
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	1b. 13
Walnuts, — Hop Tuo	1b. 13
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	1b. 13
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China) Sai Kwa	1b. 30
Grapes, — Sang Po Tai Tse	1b. 30

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Ah Chai	1b. 8
Beans, (French), — Oh Moou Pin Tai	10
" (French) Shanghai, — Sheung Hai Pin	6
" Tau	6
" Sprout, — Ah Chai	6
" Long, — Tau Ko	each 8
Beet Root, — Hung Chai Tau	6
Brinjals, Green, — Ching Yuen	10
" Red, — Hung Ker	12
Cabbage, Chinese, com., — Kai Choy	8
Cabbage Red, — Hung Yeh Choy	12
Cabbage, Shanghai, — Yeh Chai	12
Cane Shoots, bunch, — Kan Shun	1b. 15
Cauliflower, Large size, — Tai Yeh Chai Fa	each 8
" Medium size, — Cheung Yeh Chai Fa	8
" Small size, — Sai Yen Chai Fa	1b. 8
Carrots, — Kam Shun	8
Celery, Chinese, — Tong Kan Chai	8
" English, — Yeung Kan Chai	8
Chillies Dried, — Gon Lat Chiu	25
" Red, — Hung Far Chiu	15
" Green, — Ching Lat Chiu	10
Curry Stuff, English, — Kar Lee Chai Liu	12
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	12
Bitter Squash, — Fu Kwa	8
Garlic, — Quo Tau	8
Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Kung	12
" old, — Lo Kung	12
Horseradish, Shanghai, — Lik Kan	6
Indian Corn, — Sak Mai	each 5
Lettuce, — Yeung Sang Chai	1b. 5
Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	8
" Mandarin, — Kwai Lum Ma Tai	15
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Sang Chai Koo	15
Mush Melon, Amer., — Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 12
Okraes, — Kam San	15
Onions Bombay, — Yeung Chong Tau	8
" Green, — Sang Chong	10
" Shanghai, — Shang-hoi Chong Tau	10
Papaya, 1st qual., — Tai Man Gau Kwa	each 10
" 2nd, — Chung	8
Parley, — Kam Chai	8
Green Peas, — Ching Tau	15
Potatoes, Sweet, — Fan Shu	15
" Shanghai, — Shang-hoi Shu Tse	15
" Japan, — Yut Poon Shu Tse	15
" American, — Pa Ki Shu Tse	15
Pumpkin, — Tong Kwa	10
Radish, — Hung Lo Pak Tse	10
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	8
Sago, — Tse So	24
Shallots, — Gon Ching Tau	6
Spinach, — Yin Chai	6
Tomatoes, — Fan Ker	8
Taro, — Wu Tan	8
" Pun, (Long), — Lo Pak	12
" English, — Yeung Lo Pak	12
Vegetable Marrow, — Chit Kwa	12
" (American), — Kam-san Chit Kwa	12
" Cress, — Sai Yeung Chai	12
" Lily root, — Lin Ngau	12
" Tai Sun	12

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CHURCH FINANCES.

The doubt has often been expressed by those who are anxious for the future activity and influence of the Church of England whether the enormous revenues which pass through her hands are utilised to the best possible advantage. Many hold the view that they are not, and these are quoting in support of their opinions a recent declaration of the Bishop of Bath and Wells in which he expressed the wish that there could be some wise redistribution of the revenues of the Church, even if it involved a revision of the income of Bishops. According to the prelate named, a deal of the vitality of the Church is hindered by the inequalities in the distribution of the incomes and properties, and he has advanced the suggestion that a Royal Commission might well be formed for the purpose of enquiring into the whole question. It is no doubt the case that the stipends of the Bishops and the parochial clergy at home bear little, if any, relation either to their duties or to the population of dioceses and parishes.

Some most illuminating statistics have recently been published which throw quite a flood of light on this question of episcopal stipends and parochial incomes. These show that in the least populous dioceses in England and Wales—Hereford and Bangor—the Bishops' salaries are precisely the same as for Manchester, which has a population quite thirteen times larger than either. To take another instance, the Bishop of St. David's receives £300 a year more than the Bishop of Manchester, though St. David's population is less than one-fifth that of Manchester; and £1,500 more than the Bishop of Southampton, despite the fact that the latter's diocese has a population nearly four times as large. It is worth noting, however, that the tendency of late has been to lower and to equalise the salaries attached to Bishops; and in newly-formed dioceses, like Birmingham, Southwark and Wakefield, the annual stipends are only £3,000, the lowest paid in England and Wales. It is in the parishes, however, that one finds the lack of system to be most striking, and the inequalities most glaring. One or two cases may be picked out to illustrate the variations. The net income attached to the living at St. Botolph (London), with a population of 1,000, is £1,300; that of St. Philip (Battersea), with a population of 11,370, is only £180. At St. Mary (Nottingham), in which parish there are 3,705 inhabitants, the incumbent receives a salary of £1,100; at St. George, in the same town, where the population is 11,000, the income is a bare £247.

Numerous other instances might be quoted, but it will be evident from the above figures that there is no system or standard for the regulation of clerical stipends in the Church of England. One suggestion made is that there should be some power of provincial or diocesan control to release funds tied up with parochial vested interests, and to redistribute them in accordance with present-day needs. At any rate, whatever the solution of the problem may be, it is obvious that Church finances are not systematised as they should be, and it is more than likely that the work of the Church is hampered in a degree corresponding to the extent of the financial disorganisation.

DAY BY DAY.

Failure isn't a disease of locality; it's a personal habit.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Linan at midnight on Saturday.

American Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Nile this afternoon.

Australian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Empire at 1 p.m. to-day.

Australian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Prinz Waldemar yesterday.

American and Siberian Mails.—Close per s.s. Chiyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Treasure.
The s.s. Tamba Maru brought to Hongkong Yen 100,000 in gold coin.

Coal Arrival.
The Kinkisen Maru brought to Hongkong from Mito 7,700 tons of coal to the order of the M.H.K.

Queen's Birthday.
To-day is the anniversary of the birthday of Queen Mary. The warships in the harbour and one or two merchant steamers were dressed in honour of the occasion.

Indian Troops.
There arrived by the s.s. Assaye yesterday from Bombay two Indian officers, 20 recruits and nine rank and file of the 26th Panjabis.

King's Birthday Parade.
On the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, June 3, a parade will take place on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground. Over 800 rank and file, representing twelve detachments, will parade.

Prinz Ludwig Detained.
Messrs Melchers & Co. inform us that they have just received a wireless from the I.G.M.S. Prinz Ludwig via Shanghai that she is detained by fog and will most likely arrive to-morrow morning at 10 a.m.

Junk Robbery.
The master of an Aberdeen fishing junk has reported that on Saturday night men went alongside his junk armed with rifles and revolvers. They boarded the boat and carried off \$500 in money and jewellery.

Woman and the Dagger.
A woman who landed from Macao with a dagger in her possession for which she had no permit, was bound over in the sum of \$50, to come up for judgment when called upon, by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

Stealing Meal.
Mr. Oliphant, of the Dairy Farm, prosecuted a Chinese, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for stealing meal. Complainant said that meal and potatoes were being frequently stolen of late. Defendant was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

The Snatcher.
A man who snatched earrings from a woman in Queen's Road Central, West of the Fire Station, was captured by Mr. Ichel Gruzman, the proprietor of the Central Hotel. At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Melbourne sentenced him to six weeks' imprisonment, four hours' stocks, and ten strokes of the birch.

Netherland Trading Society.
We are informed that the Netherlandische Handel-Maatschappij (Netherland Trading Society), Hongkong Agency, is in receipt of telegraphic information that a dividend of 9% per cent (nine and a half per cent) has been declared by this Bank for the year 1912.

Raid on Beggars.
Lance-Sergeant Wilson made a raid on the beggars who have made themselves a nuisance in the streets, and during the week-end he arrested no less than sixteen. They were all brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, and fined \$5 each, or in default seven days.

NAVAL TARGETS.
Contract Given to Shanghai.

It has been stated in the Shanghai press that a contract for the construction of two battle targets has been given to the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. Enquiries made to-day at the Naval Yard confirm this report. The Hongkong authorities gave out the contract some three weeks ago.

THE ASSAYE FIRE.

Steamer Arrives in Hongkong and Reports on the Outbreak.

The P. and O. steamer Assaye, aboard which a fire broke out on the 18th inst., arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning and left again at 8 a.m. to-day for the North. Her mails, it will be remembered, were transferred to the intermediate steamer Ceylon, which arrived in port last week.

In a report of the outbreak, supplied to the "Telegraph," Captain Coldwell stated that the fire was reported at 3.40 a.m. on the 18th inst. in No. 5 'tween deck. The fire hoses were at once connected and water was pumped on to the fire through the hatchway and the ventilators, all of which were securely closed to prevent the ingress of air. The fire was kept fairly under until the arrival of the ship at Singapore at 0.30 p.m. on the same day.

On arrival, the Town and Tanjong Pagar Dock Fire Brigades were in readiness and started with about a dozen hoses to pour water into the No. 5 hatch and through the ventilators. There was much smoke and heat when this hatch was opened up at 5 p.m. The cargo in No. 5 hold had to be discharged entirely, as well as some cotton from No. 4 hold. As a consequence, the vessel was delayed until Tuesday the 20th inst. at 5 p.m. The fire originated in some cotton bales stowed on the 'tween decks.

Another Account.
According to the "Straits Times" the fire on the Assaye originated in the after hold among a general cargo, comprising cotton, opium and tea, and was first observed shortly after three o'clock in the morning. The ship's pumps were put into use and the hatches battened down. When she came alongside the P. and O. wharf large quantities of smoke were to be seen rising from the hold; but services of the town Fire Brigade and the Tanjong Pagar Dock Brigade, which had been requisitioned, prevented the fire from spreading.

A tremendous volume of water was poured into No. 5 hold and by five o'clock in the afternoon all traces of the fire were obliterated. The weight of the water had, by then given the vessel a heavy list to starboard and the pumps were immediately set to work to empty the water out of the hold. A Municipal fire engine which, under the command of Superintendent Wilson, had been engaged on the fire in conjunction with the Tanjong Pagar engine and the fire-floats Varunha, Sunda and Garuda, remained alongside all night, as did one of the fire-floats, in case of any renewal of the outbreak. No such happening took place, however, and the water having been effectually emptied out, the process of unloading the cargo from that hold was commenced next morning.

The cargo was mainly composed of bales of cotton, tea and opium, consigned to houses both in Singapore and on the China coast. The occurrence of the fire was the occasion for an admirable act of seamanship in bringing the vessel alongside the wharf on her arrival. Captain Sovell was acting as pilot and in the state of the tide and the currents at that particular time he would have, in ordinary circumstances, brought the ship round outside the islands. But owing to the urgency of the case Captain Sovell piloted the Assaye in the inner channel, turned her within its narrow confines when off the P. and O. wharf, and came alongside against the flow of the current. It was a proceeding attended by risks, but the handling of the vessel was capable in the extreme.

COOLIES QUARREL.
One Man Meets His Death.

As the result of a fight between two butchers' coolies in Victoria Street, on Sunday, one coolie, of Sai Wan Ho, met his death. A number of men have been arrested.

A man and his wife have been sent to hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by a man now under arrest.

Opium Possession Again.
A fine of \$62 was imposed on a Chinese by Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for selling and being in unlawful possession of opium. Mr. Ho, garth prosecuted.

GENERAL ANDERSON'S SUCCESSOR.

General F.H. Kelly to take over South China Command.

We are informed by the Army Head Quarter Office that Major General Anderson who, as already stated in the "Telegraph," leaves here shortly to take over the Luchow Division of India, is to be succeeded in the South China Command by Major General Francis Henry Kelly, O.B.

The new G.O.C. is in his fifty-fourth year and entered the service (R.E.) on passing out of Woolwich in 1879. During the Burmese trouble of 1885-1886 he was mentioned in the despatches and gained the war medal with clasp. In 1889 he received his captaincy. On the North West Frontier he saw a great deal of active service between 1897 and 1902, gaining his majority and various medals, and being twice mentioned in despatches. In 1902, while acting as A.A.G. for the Quetta District, he was given the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and, after acting as a member of the Indian Survey Committee, for which he received the thanks of the Government, he was appointed to the command of the Karachi Brigade in 1905. From 1907 to 1911 he held command of the Ahmednagar Brigade, and, on relinquishing this, went on the half-pay list.

General Kelly enters upon his new post in August.

THE NIPPON.

Collector of Customs to Dispose of Cargo.

A meeting was held in the office of the insular collector of customs, yesterday morning, says the "Oshienews" of the 22nd, at which all the parties concerned in the stranded steamship Nippon authorized Colonel H. B. McCoy, insular collector of customs, to dispose of the cargo of the Nippon as he saw fit to the best interest of all concerned. Acting on this authority, Colonel McCoy sold the first portion of the salvaged Nippon cargo, 1,164 sacks of copra, to Messrs. W. F. Stevenson and Company at P.13 per picul. The case of curios consigned to the Crown Prince of Sweden will be held pending the settlement of the case. The copra sold was that brought in by the steamship Mindoro on Monday.

Messrs. Ker and Company, representing Lloyd's and the owners and underwriters of the Nippon, Messrs. Struckmann and Company, agents with whom the cargo was insured, and Messrs. Erlanger and Galingier were all represented at the collector's office by their attorneys, but other than authorizing the collector to use his discretion in disposing of the cargo, no other business was transacted by the interested parties. The steamship Vizaya is expected in this morning from Scarborough Reef with a good portion of the Nippon's cargo and she will probably bring the first report of the amount of damage done to the ship as the divers have had chance to make an investigation.

THE MIKADO'S HEALTH.

Latest Bulletins Show Improvement.

We are indebted to the Japanese Consulate General in Hongkong for the following bulletins received by cable relative to the health of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan:—

Bulletin issued at 4 p.m. on May 24th.—His Majesty is progressing favourably. Temperature:—38.6 (C) at noon; 39.3 at 4 p.m. Respiration:—26 at noon; 28 at 4 p.m. Pulse:—76 at noon; 85 at 4 p.m.

Bulletin issued at 7 a.m. on the 25th inst.—Temperature:—37.6; pulse, 72; respiration, 24. Bulletin issued at 4 p.m. on the 25th inst.—His Majesty's condition is showing a gradual improvement. Temperature:—37 at noon; 38.0 at 4 p.m. Pulse:—76 at noon; 78 at 4 p.m. Respiration:—24 at noon; 28 at 4 p.m.

Bulletin issued at 7 a.m. on the 26th inst.—Temperature:—37.1; pulse, 72; respiration, 22.

WHAT IS A PICUL?

Appeal Against a Decision of the Puisse Judge.

This morning, the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C., and Mr. Justice J. H. Kemp, Puisse Judge, sitting in appellate jurisdiction, considered the appeal of the Kwang Hang firm against the judgment of the Puisse Judge in a Summary Court action, when judgment was entered for Chan Wo, the respondent. The appellants claimed that the decision, given on April 9, was erroneous in point of fact and contrary to the weight of evidence given, at the trial of the action.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, appeared for the appellants, and Mr. M. W. Slade K.C., instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, appeared for the respondent.

Mr. Jenkin:—This is an appeal on the question as to whether or not a picul is one basket or two baskets.

The Chief Justice:—That is the whole question?

Mr. Jenkin:—It is the whole question.

Mr. Slade:—I don't agree, my Lord.

Mr. Jenkin:—I am glad to think there are other questions.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said if their Lordships referred to the writ they would see that the claim was for \$1,000 odd, balance due for work done and labour supplied. Then there was the contract, by which the respondent undertook to carry earth from one part of the colony to another. It was distinctly stated that 120 baskets were to be one ching, and the price was to be \$8 per ching. The earth was to be carried to the Praya and carried thence by a junk to place where it might be deposited. Each basket had to be fully loaded with earth. Then in the file followed what he, counsel, supposed was a tally-man's record which showed how much earth was carried away each day, and their Lordships would observe it was tallied out as piculs, whereas in the contract all references to weights and measures were in baskets and chings.

The Chief Justice:—Who prepared the documents?

Mr. Jenkin:—I believe, from the evidence, we did.

The Chief Justice:—You are the defendants?

Mr. Jenkin:—We are the defendants and employed the man to carry earth.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said their case was that a basket was a picul, and therefore the respondent was entitled to be paid at the rate of 13,477 baskets. His opponent's case was that he had carried just double that number of baskets—26,954. He said that although he carried 13,477 piculs, he carried 26,954 baskets. The appellants said:—No; you carried 13,477 baskets because a picul is a basket.

Mr. Slade:—The word which is translated picul, is the word "tam," which we say means "load." We say that 13,000 odd loads were carried.

Mr. Jenkin:—We shall get that presently; on the account it shows that that number of piculs was carried. I don't know whether it would be fair to ask my Lord, the Puisse Judge, to give me some indication as to the basis on which his judgment proceeded for the defendant?

The Chief Justice:—I think you ought to have asked that before you considered the question of appeal; that is the natural time.

Mr. Jenkin:—I don't know whether I could have done that, my Lord, I am sure.

After consulting with the Chief Justice, the Puisse Judge said that he would give roughly the points on which he based his judgment. One thing, of course, was the word "tam." It had a double meaning—a load, and a picul,—and the natural meaning he took as load carried on the shoulders of a coolie in two baskets with slings, the average load carried in that way, weighing about 100 catties. The same word applied to weight and to the load and in that way a load became as a picul, being the average weight an ordinary coolie could carry on his shoulders in two baskets with slings. The plaintiff's case was that one ching equalled 120 baskets of half a picul each; that appealed to him.

to agree with the natural meaning of the word tam. The defendants' case was that a ching equalled 120 baskets of one picul each. If that were so, a coolie would carry about 266 lbs or nineteen stone, which seemed to him to be rather impossible. The defendant had counted 75 catties to the picul for their purpose and that made the coolie carry a little over fourteen stone.

Mr. Slade said that a coolie could not carry two baskets of 100 catties each. He might carry a little over 100 catties, but he would not carry two loads over the long distance of the kind in the case. This was all day work and the man would be going backward and forward all day. He submitted that the judgment of the court below, should be affirmed. No serious grounds for disturbing the judgment had been given and it was not for the court of appeal acting on general principles, in the case of a judge sitting alone, to reverse a judgment on grounds less than if they dealt with the decision of jury. Yet it had to be shown, to the satisfaction of the court, that the judgment of the court below was wrong. If it were doubtful whether it were wrong or not, the judgment would be affirmed. So far from it being wrong there was every probability of its being right; there were no material grounds for the reversal of the judgment.

Mr. Jenkin, replying as to the capability of coolies to carry the weight mentioned, said there was no evidence before the court at all, but they would see from the evidence that the men with big baskets did five journeys per day. They had no means of knowing how far the journey was, but he believed it was about half a mile.

Mr. Slade:—It is a rise of about 800 feet anyhow.

Subsequently the Chief Justice remarked that the question as to whether a basket was a picul or not ought to have been decided long ago.

Mr. Jenkin remarked that it was his case that a basket was a picul and this was already well known. He suggested that the question should be settled by the Puisse Judge hearing further evidence.

CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATIONS.

Sermon by Fr. Tour.

Yesterday being the Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, the annual procession took place round the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. After Vespers an immense procession passed through the grounds, consisting of all the sodalities, confraternities and other Catholic societies of the Colony, and accompanied by the band of the Philharmonics. The weather was bright, and the effect of the many-coloured banners, sashes and vestments was extremely beautiful. In the rear of the procession, preceded by incense-bearers, torch-bearers, and children who throw flowers along the path, the Bishop of the diocese carried the Sacred Host in the new monstrance recently presented by the people of Hongkong. In attendance on his Lordship were the Rev. Fathers Banke, Noval, Souza, Grampa, de Maria, Gabardi, Velora and others of the cathedral and parish clergy.

After the procession, Fr. Tour, of the Mission Evangelica, preached a very striking sermon to a congregation that filled all the aisles as well as the seats. After explaining the origin of the Feast, the Institution of the Mass, basing his remarks on Biblical and historical records, the preacher referred to the recent attempts in Hongkong in the direction of the re-union of Christendom. Perfect union, he said, would only be possible when all men learned to obey God's commands in respect to the Sacrifice of the Mass. He referred to the accounts in the Home papers of an Anglican brotherhood, whose members had recently come over in a body, to the Catholic Church. These men, he said, had for years been devoting their time to studying how reunion might best be brought about; and their voluntary submission to the Holy See was the answer to which their enquiries had led them.

COMPANY REPORT.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

The report of the general managers of A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd., for the year ending 31st December, for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-eighth annual ordinary general meeting of the Company (since its registration) to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday, 31st May, at 12.15 p.m. states:—

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business, with a balance sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1912.

The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after paying all charges, including the salary of the General Managers and providing for all bad and doubtful debts, allowing for loss on subsidiary coins, the payment of auditors fees \$500, and including \$938.07 unclaimed dividends forfeited, amount to \$83,590.49; to which has to be added the balance brought forward from the previous year \$1,919.85.—From this there has to be deducted general managers' commission of 5 per cent. on the net profits for the year as per Article 80 of the company's Articles of Association, \$4,179.52, and remuneration of the consulting committee, as per Article 92 \$2,000.00, leaving available for appropriation \$79,330.82.

We propose to pay a dividend of 6 per cent., which will absorb \$54,000; write off building improvements, furniture, fittings, utensils of trade, aerated water plant and machinery, steam launch, steam lighter, water boats and motor lorry, \$20,000, write off the balance of the Philippine Drug Company's mortgage in full \$5,090.71, and carry forward to 1913 Account \$240.11.

During the year the Philippines Drug Co., Incorporated, paid off their mortgage, and the amount now standing in this account is represented by loss in Exchange and is being written off as above.

A further extraordinary loss was occasioned during the year by Chinese soldiers looting the Chinwanfa branch. This loss was small and has been treated as a loss in trading by the native branch concerned. No compensation so far has been awarded to the Company for the heavier losses at Hankow and Ching Kong referred to in last year's balance sheet; the British Minister stated that if other Ministers claimed on behalf of their nationals, he would do so; but until they did he did not feel disposed to press the matter.

Consulting Committee:—Hon. Mr. E. Osborne having resigned his seat on leaving the Colony, Dr. J. W. Noble was invited to fill the vacancy.

The existing Committee consists of Mr. H. P. White, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Hon. Sir O. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Dr. J. W. Noble. The appointment of Dr. J. W. Noble requires your confirmation.

Auditors:—The Company's accounts at the Head Office have been audited by Mr. Francis Maitland and partly by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and partly by Mr. O. Bernard Brown, A.O.A., who completed the audit for Mr. Potts after his departure.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1913.

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account ..	\$900,000.00
Permanent Reserve Fund ..	\$154,938.52
Local and General Liabilities in the East and in America ..	84,845.55
Local and General Liabilities in London ..	6,951.48
	91,797.03

Mortgage on Section E. of Island Lot No. 19 and the Building thereon .. \$48,000.00 |

Mortgage on Shamen Lot No. 74 Canton, and the Building thereon .. 45,000.00 |

Advance against Mortgage (up to \$125,000) on Marine Lot No. 293 and the Buildings thereon, and Kowloon Island .. |

Lot No. 1208 and the Buildings thereon ..	\$1,927.41
	177,927.41

Bills Payable, Hongkong and China ..	93,589.89
Unclaimed Dividends ..	1,706.40
Security Deposits from Staff ..	16,800.00
Profit and Loss Account:	
Forward from 1911 Account ..	\$1,919.85
Net Profit 1912 ..	83,590.49
	85,510.34

\$1,522,339.59

ASSETS.

Total Stocks in Trade .. \$730,751.27 |

Building Improvements, Furniture, Fittings and Trade Utensils at Hongkong, Canton, Amoy, Tientsin and Shanghai; and Native Branches:— |

As per last Account .. \$73,559.60 |

Written off for Depreciation in June, 1912 .. 12,662.32 |

Added during 1912 .. \$60,897.28 |

Aerated Water and other Machinery and Plant at Hongkong, Canton, Amoy and Shanghai:— |

As per last Account .. \$108,516.73 |

Written off for Depreciation in June, 1912 .. 14,572.25 |

Added during 1912 .. \$91,944.48 |

Steam Launches, Steam Lighter, Water Boats and Motor Lorry:— |

As per last Account .. \$20,815.43 |

Written off for Depreciation in June, 1912 .. 2,765.43 |

Expended during 1912 .. \$17,350.00 |

Total .. 30,940.25 |

Good Debts due from Customers .. 165,383.65 |

Sundry Debtors .. 26,856.51 |

Cash in hand .. \$13,368.75 |

Cash at Bank .. 914.09 |

Fire Insurance Premiums and Licences unexpired .. 5,386.80 |

Section E. of Island Lot No. 19 and the Buildings thereon .. \$60,000.00 |

Kowloon Island Lot No. 1208 and the Buildings thereon .. 27,500.00 |

Marine Lot No. 293 and the Buildings thereon .. 154,836.64 |

Shamen Lot No. 74 and the Buildings thereon, Canton .. \$62,000.00 |

Lease of Premises No. 72, 74, 76 Escolta, Manila, as per last Account .. 39,669.42 |

Extra Concession Lot No. 73 and the Buildings thereon, Canton .. 9,066.00 |

Mortgage by the A.S. Watson Co., Incorporated, Manila .. \$21,981.27 |

Mortgage by Philippines Drug Co., Incorporated, Manila, Balance .. 5,090.71 |

27,021.98 |

\$1,522,339.59 |

Profit and Loss.

Dr. To Balance .. \$85,510.34 |

\$85,510.34 |

Contra.

By Balance from 1911 Account .. \$1,919.85 |

By Net Profit 1912 Account .. 83,590.49 |

\$85,510.34 |

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C. P. CHATER.

J. SCOTT HARSTON.

J. A. TARRANT.

Secretary.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

General Managers.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, we report to the Shareholders of A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., that we have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books, accounts, vouchers and various securities, and have found it to be in accordance therewith and with the returns from the different branches.

We have received all the information and explanations we have required. The Stocks at Hongkong are as certified by the General Managers, and those at the various branches by the Company's branch managers. We have been informed by the General Managers that an item of \$5,000.71, appearing in the Balance Sheet as the balance of the Philippines Drug Co., Manila, Mortgage, will be dealt with in the proposed appropriation of profits.

Subject to the foregoing observations, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by the books of the Company.

F. MAITLAND.

O. BERNARD BROWN, A.C.A.

Auditors.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1913.

MAXIMUM PENALTY.

Gamblers Severely Dealt With.

Eight Chinese were charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, with gambling at Tai Tam Tak village. Sergeant Cashman and a party of Chinese police effected the arrests. The men were playing on a piece of waste ground on the hill-side. Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, Deputy Superintendent of Police, asked his Worship to deal severely with the defendants from Tai Tam Tak. The place where they were gambling was three and a half miles from a station and, in this case, they had to get a party of police from Aberdeen to assist in making the raid. This was not a case of ordinary street gambling. There was a lot of money in the party. One defendant had \$6.45, another \$10.82, and the third \$6.10. One day there might be serious trouble there if the men commenced to fight. It was a regular expedition to Tai Tam Tak.

The maximum penalty, \$25, or in default one month, was imposed in each case.

To-day's Advertisement

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ WALDEMAR,"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd of June, 1913, will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd of June, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 9th of June, 1913, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELOHRS & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1913.

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The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Wednesday the 28th, inst., at noon will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Monday June 22nd 1913, at noon, will, in addition to landing charge be subject to storage charge.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown Saturday May 31st, 1913, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short-delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before June 26th 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.

O. E. BITTER.

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1913. [390]

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Cargo remaining on board after 1 p.m. of the 28th inst., will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of India arrived at Nagasaki on the 24th inst., at 6 p.m., and was due to arrive at Shanghai on the 26th inst., at 6 a.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left Sydney on the 7th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Scharnhorst carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 30th ult., left Singapore on the 24th inst., may be expected here on the 28th inst. at about 1 p.m. The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig left Shanghai on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst., at 6 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Chunsang from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 29th inst. The I. C. S. N. s.s. Hangsang from Shanghai is due at Hongkong on the 27th inst. The I. C. S. N. s.s. Fausang from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 5th prox. The S. L. s.s. Monmouthshire from London is due at Hongkong on the 17th prox. The S. L. s.s. Harpagus from Portland is due at Hongkong on the 12th prox. The I. L. s.s. Indraghiri from New York is due at Hongkong about the 20th prox. The B. I. s.s. Itola from Rangoon is due at Hongkong on the 9th prox. The S. E. A. s.s. Canton left Port Said on the 12th inst., and may be expected here on the 7th prox. The S. E. A. s.s. Ceylon left Antwerp on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on the 20th prox.

The American and Manchurian Line s.s. Swazi passed the Suez Canal on the 6th inst., for Hongkong direct.

The P. & O. s.s. Sardinia, is expected to arrive at Colombo on the 28th inst., at 10 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Banca is expected to arrive at Singapore on the 26th inst., at noon.

The Hansa s.s. Birkenfels left Singapore on the 21st inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 27th inst., a.m.

The s.s. Glenstrae left Singapore on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 27th inst., at daylight.

The Bank Line s.s. Boverio sailed from Tacoma on the 6th inst., and is due at Hongkong on the 6th prox.

The A. L. s.s. Gisela left Singapore for this port on the 21st inst., and will arrive here on the 28th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru leaves Hongkong for South America via Japan. Ports and Honolulu on the 4th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru arrives at Salina, Cruz from Calao on the 23rd inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 20th July.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru leaves Salina Cruz for Calao on the 23rd inst., and is due here on the 6th prox.

The P. & O. s.s. Candia arrived at Penang on the 23rd inst., at noon.

The P. & O. Sunda left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst. at 5 p.m. and is due here on the 30th inst. at about 7 p.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
Ajax, Br. s.s., 4,477, Thomson, 20th May—Kuchinotsu.
16th May, Coal—B. & S.
Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,095, Kumpel, 21st May—Bangkok 13th May, Rice—B. & S.
Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Sembill, 19th May—Sandakan 14th May, Timber—M. & Co.
Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 966, Hant, 19th May—Saigon 15th May, Rice—Chinese.
Capri, It. s.s., 1,824, Laohi-ond, 13th May—Manila 9th May, Ballast—S. T. Co.
Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, Bohmer, 20th May—Haiphong and Holhow 19th May, Gen.—J. & Co.
Canada Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,159, Hori, 18th May—Ta-oona and Shanghai 15th April, Gen.—O. S. K.
Chio Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,250, W. W. Greene, 16th May—San Francisco 19th April, Gen.—P. M. Co.
Consuelo, Am. s.s., 1,824, Laohi-ond, 13th May—Manila 9th May, Ballast—S. T. Co.
Fukui Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,087, Tomnaka, 24th May—Mojji 18th May, Coal—M. B. K.
Glenesk, Br. s.s., 2,275, Williams, 24th May—London 1st April, Gen.—S. T. & Co.
Guthrie, Br. s.s., 1,494, Gambrell, 7th May—Sydney, via Manila 4th May, Gen.—B. & S.

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European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
London and Antwerp	Flintshire	J. M. & Co.	20 July
do do	Monmouthshire	J. M. & Co.	1 August
London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Palawan	P. & O. Co.	28 May, about
Havre, Hamburg & Bremen	Segovia	H. A. L.	17 June
Marseilles &c.	Magellan	M. M. Co.	3 June
do do	Paul Lecat	M. M. Co.	17 June
do do	Armand Behic	M. M. Co.	1 July
do do	Atlantique	M. M. Co.	15 July
do do	Ernest Simons	M. M. Co.	20 July
Marseilles & Hamburg, &c.	Sambia	H. A. L.	12 June
Marseilles, London and Antwerp	Glensturret	S. T. & Co.	5 June, about
Marseilles, Havre and Hamburg	Furst Bulow	H. A. L.	28 June
Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp	Brasilina	H. A. L.	2 July
Marseilles, Rotterdam and Hamburg	Altmark	H. A. L.	14 July
Havre & Hamburg	Goldenfels	H. A. L.	18 July
Marseilles, London and Antwerp	Kamo Maru	N. Y. K.	14 June
do do do	Aki Maru	N. Y. K.	18 June
Rotterdam and Hamburg	Alesia	H. A. L.	11 June
Trieste via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	13 June
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Persia	S. W. & Co.	2 June, about
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, S'ion, Manila	Prinz Ludwig	N. Y. K.	23 May

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Boston and New York	Jessie	Bank Line	8 June
Mexican, Peruvian and Chili Ports via Japan	Hongkong Maru	T. K. K.	4 June
do do do do	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	5 August
New York	Chio Maru	T. K. K.	27 May
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	City of Baroda	S. T. & Co.	29 May, about
San Francisco, etc.	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	17 June
do do	Tonyo Maru	T. K. K.	24 June
San Francisco via Japan	Nile	P. M. Co.	3 July
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle	Harpagus	J. M. & Co.	29 June, about
Vancouver via Japan	E. of India	C. P. R. Co.	7 June
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	21 June
Portland, Tacoma and Seattle	Vestalia	J. M. & Co.	17 July
Vancouver, Portland, &c.	O. F. Laeisz	H. A. L.	20 June

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Guthrie	B. & S.	24 May
do do	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	21 June
do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June
do do	Changsha	B. & S.	16 June
do do	Aldenhams	G. L. & Co.	8 June
do do	Eastern	G. L. & Co.	10 July

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Singapore, and Calcutta	Namsang	J. M. & Co.	24 May
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	27 May
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijlarem	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tijmah	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tijliwong	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
Japan	Tijlancok	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Armand Behic	M. M. Co.	1 June
Japan &c.	Atlantique	M. M. Co.	15 June
do do	Ernest Simons	M. M. Co.	20 June
do do	Amazona	M. M. Co.	13 July
do do	Australien	M. M. Co.	27 July
Kobe and Moji	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	5 June
Kobe & Yokohama	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	27 May, about
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June
Moji, Kobe and Yokkaichi	Indo Maru	O. S. K.	22 June
do do	Itola	J. M. & Co.	12 June
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Gisel	S. W. & Co.	31 May, about
Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	28 May
Manila, &c.	Taming	B. & S.	28 May
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	28 May
Swatow	Haimun	D. L. & Co.	28 May
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	27 May
do do	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	30 May
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. & Co.	24 May
do do	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	31 May
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	27 May
do do	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	6 June
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	30 April
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Birkenfels	Do.	24 May
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	14 June
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Saxonia	J. M. & Co.	24 May
Shanghai and Japan	Prensson	J. M. & Co.	30 June
do do	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	30 May
do do	Birkenfels	H. A. L.	28 May
do do	Goldenfels	H. A. L.	13 June
do do	O. Ferd Laeisz	H. A. L.	19 June
do do	Silesia	H. A. L.	20 July
do do	Belgravia	H. A. L.	30 July
do do	Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	5 June
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Sunda	P. & O. Co.	30 May, about
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Canton	A. N. & Co.	7 June, about
Shanghai, Taingtan, Kobe and Yokohama	Tijlatap	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Tijbodas	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Tijkini	J. O. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do	Soharnhorst	M. & Co.	28 May, about
Shanghai	Africa	S. W. & Co.	29 May
do do	Anhui	B. & S.	29 May

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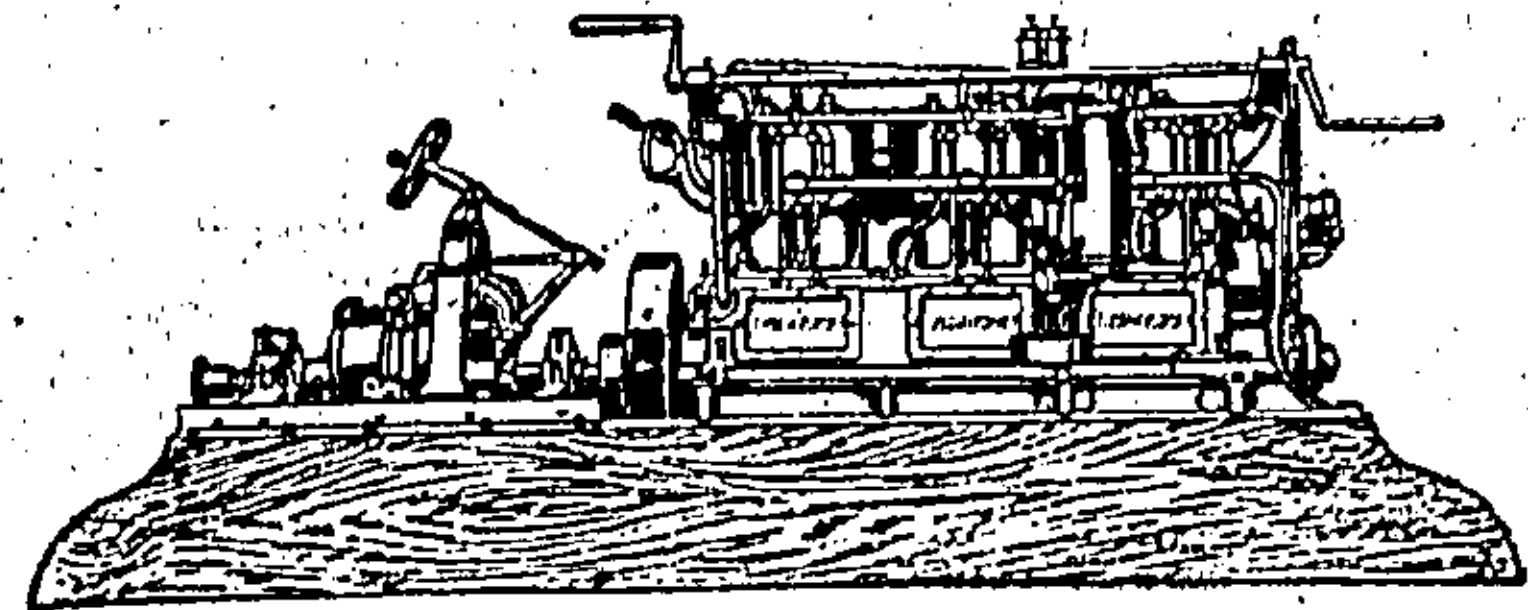
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Hasellfoot, Lt. Galbraith, V.
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Kydd, Mr. and Smith, Mrs. G.
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Morley, Mrs. Wood, E. M.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1913.

Notice

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Prior To Removal On
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THE
AMERICAN
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STORE

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Consignees

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO
LONDON AND STRAITS.

S.S. "RENLARIG."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all goods are being
landed at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from
the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
29th inst. will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before the 5th prox., or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
29th inst. at 11 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1913. [387]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"FURST BULOW."

Captain Jager, having arrived.
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that their goods are being landed and
placed at their risk in the hazardous
and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Company, Limited, whence
delivery may be obtained against Bills-
of-Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on
unless notice to the contrary be given
to-day.

All claims must be presented within 10
days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods must be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the 28th
inst. at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by
us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on Cargo:—
Ex S.S. "Kong Ring" from Christiania
"Albania" from Goteborg
"Michel" La Pallice

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong 22nd May, 1913. [388]

To Sail

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL

LINE.

(ANDREW WEIR & Co.)

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"JESERIO"

Captain R. White, will be despatched
for the above ports on 6th, June
1913.

For freight and further information
apply to

THE BANK LINE Limited,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1913. [389]

To Sail

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO
Hongkong—New York.



FOR NEW YORK VIA
PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.
(With liberty to call at the Malabar
Coast)

S.S. "CITY OF BARODA"
on or about 28th May, 1913.

For freight and further information,
apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, May, 26th 1913. [346]

GLEN LINE (McGREGOR,
GOW & CO.) LTD.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON &
ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLEN TURRET,"
Capt. R. Webster, will be despatched
for the above ports on 5th June, 1913.

For Freight, or Passes, apply to
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
Age ts.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1913. [327]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
BREITENBURG.

NOTICE.

FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.
Taking Cargo at through rates to
Tawau, Lahad Datin, Labuan, Jolo,
Mendoani, Jesselton.

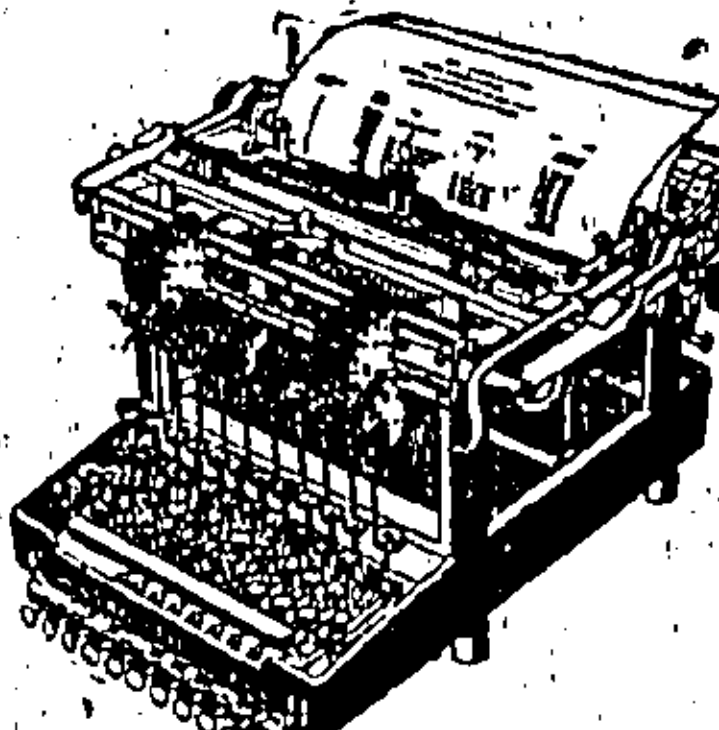
THE Steamship

"BORNEO,"
Captain F. S. Abill, (Leaving Mon-
day a.m.) will leave on TUESDAY, the
27th inst., at NOON.

For further particulars, apply to
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1913. [391]

Notices

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. Every 15 Min.
8.00 A.M. to 9.00 A.M. " " 15 Min.
9.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " " 15 Min.
10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. " " 15 Min.
11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon " " 15 Min.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 P.M. and 9 P.M. 9.30 P.M. to
11.00 P.M. every half hour.
11.00 P.M. to 12.45 A.M.
every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. Every 15 Min.
10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. " " 10 Min.
11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon " " 15 Min.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M. " " 10 Min.
1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. " " 10 Min.
3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.
4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. " " 10 Min.
5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " " 15 Min.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SHANGHAI RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Result of Annual Meeting.

The annual rifle meeting of the Shanghai Rifle Association was
brought to a conclusion on May 18, and below we publish the com-
plete scores registered in the various events during the meeting.

The shooting during the meeting was conducted under the
supervision of the energetic Secretary, Mr. A.M. Collaco. The
conditions prevailing were very favourable save for a slight fish-tail
wind, which affected some of the less experienced shots.

The Grand Aggregate Prize in "A" Class has been won by Dr.
S.A. Ransom; Mr. J. R. Main is the winner of the "A" Class
Championship, while Mr. E. H. Lynch wins the Bulls-Eye Prize.
Following are the complete scores:—

Class Aggregate.										
	Event.								Total.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
"A" Class.										
Ransom S. A...	91	63	57	62	60	64	63	66	526	
Lynch E. H...	91	62	61	65	62	60	63	65	519	
Lancaster W...	79	64	61	67	57	64	62	62	516	
Main J. R...	92	59	61	61	59	60	59	62	513	
Daldy H. W...	86	59	56	62	59	65	62	63	512	
Barrett E. I. M...	88	61	63	61	30	59	—	32	394	
Bell J. C...	—	34	31	—	25	27	21	24	162	
Bowen W. T...	86	59	59	67	57	58	57	61	504	
Budd W. J...	—	61	57	57	28	30	—	—	231	
Collaco A. M...	88	—	50	55	54	—	56	63	375	
Crighan A. O...	89	59	58	62	60	55	60	49	492	
Kingmill G...	—	31	29	—	30	33	—	—	123	
McAlister D...	48	25	30	50	28	24	21	28	254	
Mills C...	86	64	57	59	61	54	56	59	496	
Sauer W. E...	86	57	55	65	62	61	59	66	511	
"B" Class.										
Aiken A...	86	61	60	63	63	62	54	63	500	
McBride J...	90	66	36	62	54	64	59	68	499	
Barrett Mrs. E. I. M...	89	58	58	60	52	57	61	61	496	
Stormes G. B...	85	60	49	59	61	57	60	62	493	
Zilling E...	82	61	55	56	63	52	46	61	476	
Augier B...	80	—	47	61	60	—	63	61	372	
Bolland J. W. C...	69	45	41	43	45	35	46	45	369	
Cruz F...	58	27	32	28	25	19	33	37	259	
Dowrie A. T...	—	40	39	54	54	19	40	16	262	
Davis A. C...	—	22	14	—	21	17	—	—	74	
Evans E...	—	34	39	43	16	—	—	—	132	
Gaskin R. H...	79	57	51	55	58	48	52	53	453	
Hill C...	79	47	55	56	54	58	58	62	469	
Jaquet M...	76	59	52	53	59	61	55	52	467	
Johnson R...	58	43	40	50	35	47	48	55	378	
Kodaira H...	81	57	46	52	55	49	53	58	451	
Little Jr. E. S...	82	51	33	60	57	54	56	59	472	
Lockyer A. E...	81	59	49	54	57	56	51	61	488	
Marshall C. W...	82	57	48	55	40	58	60	66	466	
McGregor Alex...	—	23	19	35	—	—	—	—	77	
McKelvie K...	—	56	50	52	26	24	—	—	208	
Monk W. J...	87	48	58	56	53	58	46	50	465	
Schulz P...	—	—	—	—	24	22	22	16	84	
Sequeira C...	71	46	51	49	53	52	48	58	428	
Streib U...	—	57	49	55	24	17	—	—	202	
Terrill W. J...	—	47	51	51	26	28	—	—	203	
Williams E. C...	—	25	21	35	—	—	27	27	165	
"C" Class.										
Bartley F...	87	61	58	58	57	61	56	62	493	
Diniz J. M...	84	61	58	55	57	48	56	61	480	
Turner G. A...	77	66	52	61	55	51	56	60	478	
Wells R. W...	79	56	54	59	58	57	62	55	478	
Morgan G. J. W...	79	55	53	55	58	59	56	60	475	
Abe N...	77	57	54	61	52	49	45	55	450	
Baumann E...	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	23	
Campos J...	82	58	52	56	47	49	50	54	448	
Harada T...	—	58	53	61	31	29	—	—	232	
Lightfoot A. C...	83	27	30	31	27	30	56	59	345	
Lovhaugh P...	80	52	49	49	47	56	52	53	438	
Main T...	82	56	58	65	53	45	53	53	465	
Main T. P...	—	39	43	41	34	30	19	40	255	
Muller E. J...	—	25	26	26	—	—	—	—	77	
Reilly P...	—	50	48	54	24	24	—	—	200	
Rochbrocke E...	—	45	54	55	43	24	49	23	293	
Taneguchi S...	67	22	48	54	51	42	50	59	393	
Takata P...	74	50	49	59	57	33	58	61	441	
Watson W. S...	74	52	56	47	54	50	48	13	304	
"D" Class (20.)										
Hykes R. K...	84	60	58	60	60	56	61	51	490	
Rendall G...	92	47	50	58	59	58	56	63	481	
Fernandes H...	78	50	54	58	51	54	57	61	463	
Forsyth W. E. J...	77	51	53	58	54	49	55	65	462	
Carion E. M...	76	57	50	55	57	53	55	50	453	
Bosustow J. C...	—	48	47	45	23	19	—	—	182	
Crocker J. H...	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	27	
Freeman J...	72	47	48	44	55	51	51	50	418	
Hykes H. M...	—	24	43	44	16	27	—	—	154	
Johnson Geo...	83	60	52	55	53	33	53	53	442	
Lamoureux F...	80	49	51	53	51	40	41	55	420	
Macbeth J. J...	61	42	55	48	42	44	52	54	398	
Mackenzie J. A...	—	52	39	46	27	25	—	—	189	
Molnar B...	—	13	40	26	32	11	41	19	182	
Nellemann L...	69	52	48	60	51	54	57	58	449	
Nilsen F...	—	30	41	52	48	17	—	—	188	
Paterson A...	—	11	22	—	23	19	—	—	75	
Williams W. J...	—	41	18	39	34	33	25	19	200	
Veira A...	53	50	49	47	41	42	52	41	375	

COMMERCIAL.

Export of Japanese Matches to India.

The Bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and importation of white and yellow phosphorus matches was passed by the Legislative Council of the Government of India on March 5th this year, and comes into force July 1st. The Japanese authorities have been officially notified of the enforcement of the law. Mr. Uyeda, the Chief of the Industrial Section of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, makes the following observations on the probable effect of the law upon Japan's trade with India:—"Since the presentation of the Bill to the Legislative Council was rumoured, exporters have avoided sending the kinds objected to, and the average exports, amounting annually to Y300,000, have gradually been reduced to Y170,000. On the other hand, the exports of safety matches yearly increased, and the latest statistics place the total exports of matches at Y1,800,000. In these circumstances, the prohibition of white and yellow phosphorus matches in India will not affect Japanese trade very much. Only 10 per cent. of the total amount is affected and this will be made good by the increased export of safety matches."

RETURN TO THE DAYS OF PIRATES.

First of the New Armed British Liners.

The Aragon, of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, which left Southampton on April 25th for South America, was the first British liner to be armed in conformity with the scheme outlined by Mr. Winston Churchill in his speech on the Naval Estimates. She carries two 4.7 in. guns mounted on the poop, and her sister-ship, the Amazon, will be similarly armed. In due course a number of other British liners which trade along the principal routes will also be armed, and not merely with 4.7 in. guns, for several new Canadian Pacific liners, for instance, are to carry 6 in. guns.

Mr. Churchill, in his speech, remarked: "The sea-borne trade of the world follows well-marked routes, upon nearly all of which the tonnage of the British mercantile marine largely predominates. . . . If the British ships carried no armaments they would be at the mercy of any foreign liner carrying one effective gun and a few rounds of ammunition."

Admiralty Supply the Guns. The greater part of the cost of the new armament is being borne by the shipowners, but the Admiralty are lending the necessary guns, supplying the ammunition, and providing for the training of the portion of the ships' companies as gun crews.

In Leadenhall-street a shipowner told a "Daily News" representative that he supposed the new policy was caused by the report that liners owned in Germany, Austria, and Italy were being armed.

"It is only another move in the present big game of 'beggar my neighbour,'" he said. "It never occurs to the first fool, when he gets a gun, that the next chap will get one too, so that he is not a bit safer than before he had it. So far as arming British liners to protect our food supplies from overseas is concerned, I need only point out that the vast bulk of our food is brought in by 'tramps.' Are they to be armed also?"

While Sir E. Grey was shaving. "The diplomacy of a choleric tramp skipper, with guns and a grievance, might precipitate a big war, while Sir Edward Grey was shaving. It's a mad business, and a retrograde one, taking us back to the bad days of pirates and privateers, when most ships were armed. The present proposal, I suppose, arises out of the refusal of some of the Powers—England, France, Russia, and Japan principally—to agree to the American proposal, at The Hague Conference in 1907, to exempt from capture the private property of belligerents at sea—that is, to abolish piracy. Germany was in favour of the American proposal."

Entertainments

VICTORIA THEATRE.

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G. 1132 R.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Subdivisions	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	1/2 Acre	13,068	3/6	1,174

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Limited will be held at the Office of the General Agents of that Company No. 16, Pedder Street, Victoria, on Wednesday the 11th day of June 1913 at noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 21st day of May 1913 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

(1) "That the draft new Articles be approved."

(2) "That the new Articles already approved by this meeting which have for the purpose of identification been subscribed by the Chairman of the Company be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

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General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

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EISHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 31st Mar., 1913. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

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A. S. HEWETT, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

Notices

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908 [32]

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Hongkong, 18th August, 1901 [3]

NOTICE

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N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

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Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.

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R. TIMMERSCHIEDT, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000

Subscribed " 1,125,000

Paid Up " 562,000

Reserve Fund " 415,000

HEAD OFFICE: 40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

BRANCHES: Bombay, Calcutta, Cebu, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Mexico, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

AGENTS IN JAPAN: Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

BANKERS: Bank of England.

London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Constituents. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

A. R. LINTON, Manager.

Exchange

Selling.	Buying.
T/T Demand 1/11 15/16	4 m/s. L/C 2/14
30 d/s 2/16	4 m/s. D/P 2/14
60 d/s 2/16	6 m/s. L/C 2/14
4 m/s 2/16	30 d/s. Sney & Melbourne 2/14
T/T Shanghai 72½	30 d/s. San F'co & New York 49½
T/T Singapore 85½	4 m/s. Marks 210
T/T Japan 98	4 m/s. France 257½
T/T India 149	6 m/s. do 259½
Demand India 149½	Bar Silver ready forward 27 13/16
Demand Manila 98	Gold Leaf per tael 20
T/T San F'co & New York 48½	Bank of England rate 4½%
T/T Java 120½	Sovereign 89.90
T/T Marks 204	
T/T France 252	

Subsidiary Coins.

Discount per \$100

Chinese 20 cts. pieces... \$81

Chinese 10 " " \$85 1/16

Hongkong 20 " " \$86 1/16

Hongkong 10 " " \$88 1/16

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS SA-SALE B-BUYERS

Stocks & Paid up Value. Closing Quotations.

Hongkong & S'hai \$125 \$815 nominal

Cantons \$50 300 sa

North China \$25 T132½ b

Unions \$100 \$790 b.

Yangtzes \$50 \$190 b.

China Fires \$20 \$146 b.

Hongkong Fires \$50 \$354 b.

China & Manilla \$25 \$9 b.

Douglas Steamship \$50 \$37 b.

Steamboats \$15 \$27½ b.

Indo-Chinas (Preferred) \$25 \$89 a.

(Deferred) \$25 \$115/6 middle

"Shell" Transports £1 £11 b.

"Star Ferry" \$10 \$50½ b.

China Sugars \$100 \$107

Luzon Sugars \$100 \$38½ a.

Chinese Engineerings £1 \$33/-

Tronohs £1 80/- b.

Rauhs £1 \$83½ a.

DOCS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS.

Kowloon Wharfs \$50 \$83

H.K. & W'poo Docks \$50 \$72½ a.

Shanghai Docks T. 100 T. 62½ b.

Hongkong Wharfs T. 100 T. 112½ b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS

Anglo French Lands T. 100 T. 94

Hongkong Hotels \$50 \$117 b.

Hongkong Lands \$100 \$109½ b.

Humphreys Estates \$10 \$84 b.

Kowloon Lands \$30 \$38 b.

Shanghai Lands T. 30 T. 92 b.

West Points \$50 \$71 b.

Manila M'pole Hotel P. 10 P. 8

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos T. 50 T. 140 s.

Shanghai Cottons T. 132½ s.

Laou Kung Mow T. 105 s.

Kung Yik T. 14½ b.

Hongkong Cottons \$10 \$9½ s.

MISCELLANEOUS.

China-Borneos \$12 \$11½ s.

Light and Powers \$10 \$4 sa.

Do. (Spec. shares) \$11 \$4 sa.

China Providents \$10 \$8.60 s.

Dairy Farms \$6 \$26 s.

Green Islands \$10 \$5½ b.

Hongkong Electric \$10 \$36½ b.

Hongkong Ropes \$25 \$178 b.

Hongkong Ropes \$10 \$21 b.

Langkats g. 10 57 b.

Morning Post \$25 \$22

Peak Tramway \$10 \$10½ s.

Do. (new) \$1 \$1 s.

